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* SHANNON	4362	L. M. Wibmer	23rd "
M. L. PENINSULAR	5287	W. Wheler	30th "
			1900.
* ORIENTAL	5294	J. F. Jephson	6th Jan.
M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	13th "
* CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. Lendon	20th "
M. L. ORIENTAL	5294	J. F. Jephson	27th "
* ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	3rd Feb.
M. L. CARTHAGE	5198	J. R. Lendon	10th "
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M. L. EGYPT	7912	G. Langbourne	7th April,

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VINDOBONA	C. Bellee	4,251	7th Jan., 1900.
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FRANZ FERDINAND	G. Nicolich	6,014	7th Jan., 1900.

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			THURSDAY.
OCEANIEN	4,249	Schmitz	18th Jan. 1900.
CALEDONIAN	4,232	Bouvard	15th Feb. 1900.
LAOS	6,300	Flandin	15th March 1900.

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FOR COAST AND CALCUTTA.

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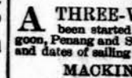

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Arrival of Lady Sandhurst from tour, 3-30 p.m.
Professor Ladd's Lecture on Psychology, University Hall, 5-30 p.m.
B. B. R. A. Society Meeting, 5-30 p.m.
Music at the Yacht Club, 5-45 p.m.

POLO.—There will be a game this evening, at 4-45.

BOMBAY HUNT.—Next Thursday's meet will be at the Rifle Butts and next Sunday's, the 10th instant, at Parla, instead of as previously advertised.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Mauritius, Reunion, Tamatave, St. Marie, and Diogo Suarez, via Tuticorin and Colombo, will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p.m., on Wednesday and Thursday, the 6th and 7th instant.

REPORTED THEFT OF A BICYCLE.—Mr. Lewis Sealy, who resides at Esuf's Buildings, Carnac Road, has reported to the police, that some time during Sunday last, a bicycle, of the value of Rs. 250, was stolen from the passage of the building.

B. B. R. A. SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Society will be held this afternoon, when the following paper will be read:—A Maratha Political Ecclesiastic of the 18th Century: The Unpublished Correspondence of Brahmendra Swami, by R. P. Karkaria, Esq.

NEGLECTED BY HER HUSBAND.—Goribai, a Hindoo woman, aged thirty-five years, who resides at Bapoo Hajam Street, attempted to commit suicide by cutting her throat with a knife. The woman was removed to the Gocouldas Tejpal Hospital, where she has been detained. It appears that the woman had been ill for the past one year and was alleged to have been neglected by her husband. She became tired of life and attempted to commit suicide by cutting her throat with a knife.

MUSIC AT THE YACHT CLUB.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry Marine Battalion will play the following programme under the direction of Mr. A. Mellandaine, Band Master, at the Bombay Royal Yacht Club, commencing at 5-45 p.m.:—

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Chorus and Cavatina ..... Bilsario ..... Donizetti.
Valse ..... Love Me ..... Coward.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

WASHED ASHORE.—The dead body of a Hindu man, name unknown, was on Sunday last, found lying on the sand, below high water marks, at the Chowpatty Sea Face, by a policeman attached to the Harbour Police. The body was removed from the water. The deceased appeared to be a *bhungee* of about forty years of age. There were no external marks of violence on the body, which was dressed in a *bundee* only. Information was circulated throughout the town, but no one came forward to identify the body. At an inquest held by Mr. Turner, the Coroner, this morning, the jury returned an open verdict.

PROFESSOR LADD IN BOMBAY.—Professor Ladd will deliver his fourth lecture on "The Reality of the Mind" in the Convocation Hall this evening at 5-30. The following is a synopsis of the lecture:—The General Notion of Reality—Reality as Activity—Reality as being in relation to other beings—Reality as activity under Law.—Negative Conceptions of Reality—Our Knowledge of the Mind's Reality—The Knowledge of Self-Consciousness—The Knowledge of recognitive Memory—The Knowledge of rational Inference—Special Nature of the Mind's reality—Our Knowledge of this as compared with the Knowledge of the Reality of Things—Importance of the Conception of Development.

LOSS OF CHILDREN LEADING TO SUICIDE.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the Coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at the J. J. Hospital, regarding the death of Jankee, a Hindu woman, aged about twenty-five years. The deceased resided with her father, at Duncan Road. She was married to Babaji Perashram, an embroiderer, and had only one son, aged five years. On Friday last, her only son died after a few days' illness, and consequently Jankee was very sad. She would not take her food and was always crying. On Saturday morning she left her father's house, saying she would soon be back. On her return, she went into the kitchen and shortly afterwards the father found her lying on the floor in a state of drowsiness, and asked her what the matter was. Jankee replied that she had taken something, but would not say what it was. The police were informed and they removed the woman to the J. J. Hospital, where on examination, she was found to be suffering from opium-poisoning. Deceased never came to herself again, and died on Sunday. The husband deposed that he and his wife lived happily together. The evidence of a licensed vendor of opium at Null Bazaar, went to show that deceased had purchased from his shop on the previous day three-fourths of a tola of opium for four annas. The jury returned a verdict of suicide.

ACCIDENTAL POISONING CASE.

At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday afternoon Mr. Turner, the Coroner, concluded the adjourned inquiry regarding the death of Jethoo Hardial, aged about thirty years. The deceased was a jockey in the service of Captain C. Bolton, District Plague Officer in charge of F and G Wards. On the morning of the 20th November, the deceased, it was alleged, went to the District Plague Office, situated in the compound of the Parel Government House and obtained therefrom a purgative, which he then took. Deceased returned to his master's stables and complained of a severe pain in his stomach and began to roll in agony on the ground. He was removed to the J. J. Hospital, where he died shortly after admission. Superintendent Roberts and Inspector Brewin attended the inquiry.

Surgeon-Major Thomas David Collis Barry, Chemical Analyser to Government, deposed that on the 21st November, he received from the police one sealed packet and two sealed brass pots. The packet bore a label marked "A" "crystals." One of the brass pots bore a label marked "B" and the other marked "C." The packet contained nineteen grains of white crystaline powder. The pot "B" contained white fluid with green serum. The pot "C" contained a dry brown coating. The witness found mercuric chloride in "A" and "B" and mercury in "C." On the following day he also received two sealed packets, each containing crystaline powder and one of them also containing a few larger crystals. The latter packet he found to contain mercuric chloride and the other magnesium sulphate. Dr. Barry also received from the house surgeon of the J.J. Hospital, four sealed bottles, one containing stomach preserved in spirit, the other contents of the stomach of the deceased, the third a piece of liver, and the fourth abdomen and contents of the intestines. The doctor found mercuric chloride in the contents of bottles 1, 2 and 4.

Mr. Doris Crumley, Assistant Surgeon to the J. J. Hospital, deposed that on the 20th November at 10-50 a.m., the deceased was brought to the hospital by some friends and a Parsee gentleman. On admission he was unconscious and in a collapsed state. The surface of the body was cold and his pulse feeble. He was unable to speak and had great difficulty in swallowing. He had constant vomiting and diarrhœa accompanied by severe abdominal pain. The usual antedotes for irritant poison were given, but deceased gradully grew worse, lost consciousness and died at 10-30 p.m. the same day. At 11 a.m. on the 21st idem Dr. Gillespie, the House surgeon of the J. J. Hospital, made a post-mortem examination of the body and sent to the Chemical Analyser to Government, the deceased's stomach, preserved in spirit, in one bottle, the contents of the stomach in another bottle, a piece of the liver in a third bottle and contents of the intestines in a fourth bottle. The witness had heard the evidence of the chemical analyser as to the results of his analysis. Witness was of opinion after hearing such evidence and from the symptoms of the deceased before death, that death was caused by mercuric chloride. The Parsee gentleman, who accompanied the deceased to the hospital, was this man (points) Hormusji Nusserwan Hakim. He informed witness that he had been directed by the head clerk to convey the deceased to the hospital, as deceased had taken something. The Parsee said it was powder.

After some more witnesses were examined, the coroner briefly summed up the evidence. The jury returned a verdict that deceased's death was caused by perchloride of mercury, which he inadvertently administered to himself as a purgative.

A WAR CORRESPONDENT'S SAD DEATH.

THROUGH a message to the "Daily Mail" from its correspondent at Mafeking, the "Daily Chronicle" of November 17 learnt that Mr. E. G. Parslow, its special correspondent, had been killed under peculiarly painful circumstances. The "Mail" message runs: About midnight a terrible occurrence took place. Mr. E. G. Parslow, special correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle," was shot through the brain in market square, and was killed instantly. A revolver in the hands of Lieutenant Monchison (?) went off accidentally. A military inquiry has been held. The town is shocked, as Mr. Parslow was a general favourite. Mr. Parslow was a Capetown man.

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HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE PARSONS and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE RANADE.)

REVENGE AND NOSE CUTTING.

IMPERATRIX VS. GALAB VAJA.

THIS was an appeal by the accused from a decision of Mr. E. H. Moscardi, Sessions Judge of Surat, at Broach, who, in August last, convicted the accused of voluntarily causing grievous hurt with a knife, and sentenced him to seven years' rigorous imprisonment.

The accused was charged as above, in that he struck one Bai Divali violent blows with a stick on her left arm and leg, causing a fracture of both; that he caused grievous hurt, in that he cut off the soft part of her nose and the upper portion of her left ear with a knife; that he took away certain gold rings which the complainant wore in the portion of the year which the accused cut off. Divali was a Patidar widow, residing in a village near Jambusir, and the accused was a Koli, living in the same village. She got a decree against him in the civil court, amounting to about Rs. 44, and on the 12th October, 1897, she proceeded to execute it by arresting the accused. The accused, after his arrest, ran away. Three mornings after this occurrence, Divali was violently and cruelly assaulted in the outskirts of the village. She was taken to Jambu-iron a cot, and there she made a statement that the accused came out from behind a hedge and struck her on the arm and leg, and cut off her nose and the upper portion of her ear with a clasp knife, and ran away, taking the nose and the portion of the ear with him, and that, in the latter, there were four ear-rings worth Rs. 40. Complainant recovered from her injuries about January, 1898, but she died of plague in March, 1899. In June, 1899, the accused was arrested at his house at Mangnad, having in the meantime been hiding at Nadod in the Rajpipla State or elsewhere. The evidence against the accused, said Mr. Moscardi, was of a circumstantial character. It consisted of the arrest of the accused three days before, as furnishing a motive for the act, of the fact of his having absconded from his home for a long time, and of proved statements in the nature of complaints made by complainant on the day of the crime. The accused denied all knowledge of the crime, and stated that when he ran away from the bailiff, he immediately left the village and did not come back until the day of his arrest. He suggested that Divali was a woman of an immoral character, and that the injuries must have been caused to her by some jealous lover. The assessors thought that the proved motive was insufficient to induce a debtor to take such terrible revenge on his creditor; but, Mr. Moscardi said, crimes of this kind had been committed on much less severe provocation, and this was a matter of daily occurrence. The accused was convicted of the charges, save that of robbery, and sentenced to seven years' rigorous imprisonment.

Mr. Justice Parsons, in giving the court's judgment, said: The assault on Divali took place on the 15th October, 1897. She died of plague in the latter part of 1898. The accused was not arrested till the 25th June, 1899. All the evidence against him consists of the complaint made by Divali to the Chief Constable on the 15th October, 1897, and of statements made by her to other persons on or after the same date. The Sessions Judge admitted the complaint and the statements in evidence, and convicted the accused thereon, but the Government pleader has very properly admitted in this court that the conviction so based cannot be supported. We therefore reverse it, acquit the appellant, and order that he be set at liberty.

HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE RUSSELL.)

CLAIMS OF A COMMISSION AGENT.

NAZAR MAHOMED FUTTEHALLY VS. GUNDABHOY GOVINDJEE AND OTHERS.

HIS LORDSHIP delivered judgment in this case. The plaintiff, a commission agent, sued the defendants to recover the sum of Rs. 22,378-12-6 with interest and costs. Mr. Rivett-Carnac and Mr. Davar, instructed by Messrs. Wadia and Ghandy, appeared for the plaintiff; and the Hon. Mr. Scott and Mr. Anderson, instructed by Messrs. Maganlal and Co., appeared for the defendants.

The plaintiff acted as the commission agent of the defendants' firm. The nature of the dealings between the plaintiff and the defendants was as follows. The plaintiff, at the defendants' request, from time to time telegraphed in his own name to the plaintiff's constituents in Europe and elsewhere, offers for the sale and shipment by the plaintiff to his constituents of various goods, and the defendants agreed, upon such offers being accepted, to supply and ship, in the name of the plaintiff, the goods specified in such offers. Defendants also made consignments of goods through the plaintiff's firm. Plaintiff from time to time advanced to the defendants moneys for the purpose; and the defendants agreed to pay interest on the advances, the amount of claims which might be made against the plaintiff by his constituents in respect of the contract goods, and also to pay all redrafts in respect of the consignments. Defendants also agreed to pay to the plaintiff commission at the rate of twelve annas per bale. The plaintiff said he was thus personally liable to his constituents for the goods so sold and shipped, as all the transactions were carried on in his name. One Ruttonjee Bapoobhai (since deceased) was to manage all the affairs of the defendants and to sign and act for them. On the 6th April, 1897, the accounts between the plaintiff and the defendants in respect of the said transactions were adjusted by Ruttonjee Bapubhai on behalf of the defendants, and a sum of Rs. 14,551-11-3 was found due to the plaintiff. Since the adjustment the plaintiff had to pay certain sums of money to his constituents in respect of the above transaction for short weights and inferiority of quality, amounting in all to Rs. 2,044-10-10. The total sum thus due to plaintiff with interest up to 31st July 1897, was Rs. 17,127-12-3. In respect of the consignments the plaintiff claimed Rs. 1,055-6-5, Rs. 2,381-7-0, and Rs. 1,814-2-10 with interest.

In the written statement of the first and third defendants, it was averred that the second defendant, Raichand Pragjee, was never a partner in the defendants' firm. He was their mooaim and constituted attorney and carried on the business of the defendants' firm in Bombay. The deceased Ruttonjee was a friend of the plaintiff and had never managed the business of the defendants' firm. The only business the defendants' firm had with the plaintiff was under six letters of instructions for 1850 bales of hemp. The shipment of 400 out of these bales was subsequently cancelled. Goods making up about 250 bales were supplied by the second defendant, and plaintiff was entitled to no commission on them. The defendants, after giving details of various transactions, said that the plaintiff had so mixed up these transactions with certain other transactions, for which the defendants denied all responsibility, that they were unable to sever them. Defendants were anxious that accounts should be taken, and believed that they would show a large sum due to them from plaintiff. The accounts defendants had asked the plaintiff had never yet rendered in spite of repeated requests. Defendants believed that the other dealings referred to in the plaint, if had at all, were conducted by the plaintiff in collusion with Ruttonji Bapubhai in fraud of the defendants.

Mr. Justice Russell, after detailing the circumstances under which the suit had been brought and the issues that had been raised, reviewed the evidence at considerable length. He thought Ruttonjee Bapubhai had been employed by the plaintiff to introduce business and that the latter had paid him for his services. His lordship held that the second defendant was a partner of the other defendants, and must be held responsible for the part he had taken in the partnership transactions. His lordship did not think it would be safe to hold the defendants liable on the accounts as made up on the 6th April as the plaintiff had not satisfied him that the adjustment had been stamped on that day. The adjustment had only been mentioned after the death of Ruttonjee. His lordship passed a decree for the plaintiff, and referred it to the Commissioner to find out what amounts were due on the contracts. Defendants to pay the costs of the hearing.

A SUIT DISMISSED.

CLIVE DURANT VS. JEEJEEBHOY FRAMJEE PETIT AND OTHERS.

This case, in which the plaintiff, Clive Durant, claimed heavy damages, was called on for dismissal under rule 43. Mr. Davar, for the first two defendants, applied that no subsequent application by the plaintiff should be entertained before notice had been given to his (Mr. Davar's) clients. His lordship said the application would be noted. The suit was then dismissed.

ODDS AND ENDS OF WAR NEWS.

A SAD INCIDENT.

A SAD incident in connexion with the death at Ladysmith of Major Taunton, of the Natal Carabineers, was the fact that Mrs. Taunton, his wife, landed at Durban on her return from England the very day he was shot. The late and gallant Major came of a fighting stock, having been related to Major-General Sir Henry Rodes Green, and was leading his men in an assault on a kopje when he was struck down.

HUMOURS OF THE HELIOGRAPH.

IN a message to the *Morning Post* which he sent from Estcourt on Sunday, Mr. Winston Churchill stated that further efforts to signal Ladysmith had failed, "but the Boer heliograph acknowledged our communication, saying, 'Will be with you tomorrow.' The British reply was much shorter."

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THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Plague. Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern			
Fort Southern and Esplanade	4	3	7
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	5	8	30
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada	5	5	33
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi		1	12
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	3	1	35
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	0	7
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	9
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown.	0	0	0
Hospital	0	8	24
Total	19	26	157
Total plague deaths to date	60,704	53,376	
Same date last year	12	12	98

DURBAR AT WANA.

LAHORE, DEC. 1.

WHILE at Wana the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab held a durbar at which the Ahmadzai and Darwesh Khel Waziris, the Dotanis, and the Sulaiman Khels were present. His Honour was accompanied by his personal Staff, Mr. Anderson Commissioner of Derajat, Mr. Merk, C. S. I., Chief Secretary to the Government, Mr. Watson, Political Officer, Wana, and the officers of the Wana Garrison. A guard-of-honour was furnished by the 5th Punjab Infantry, Sir Mackworth Young, after expressing his pleasure at meeting so representative a *Jirga* of Maliks, remarked that he was glad to note that the recent large extension of cultivation and other signs of prosperity showed that the advantages of the increased security afforded by our occupation of Wana were appreciated. While His Honour was generally satisfied with the state of affairs, he noticed with regret a case of murder of two sowars of the 5th Punjab Cavalry last March, and he impressed upon the Maliks that in cases of this kind it was their duty to trace the offenders speedily, failing which their responsibility would have to be enforced. All present were advised to assist the Government in its efforts to maintain peace and tranquility. Several petitions were presented to the Lieutenant-Governor. The Dotanis said they had no grievances, and offered their services should they be required. The proceedings terminated with the usual presents to the *jirgas*, and an entertainment.

The tour programme of His Honour has been slightly modified to enable Sir Mackworth Young to visit Dera Ghazi Khan on the 15th December. The party will not return to Lahore till the 19th idem.—*Pioneer.*

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON MONDAY, THE 4TH OF DECEMBER, 1899.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has increased everywhere, the rise being brisk at Lahore, Sirsa, Agra, Allahabad, Raipur, Amraoti, Belgaum, Calicut, Bangalore, Secunderabad, Bellary, Cuddapah and Negapatam. Readings are highest in Rajputana and lowest along the Coast from Dwarka southward as far as Colombo.

Winds are cyclonic on the Coromandel Coast, while calms and variable breezes prevail elsewhere. The force has been generally light.

There are no important changes to record in either the day or night temperature which with a few exceptions continues to be in excess of normal in many places. The highest temperature in the shade was 97° at Surat and the lowest 45° at Lahore.

Humidity has increased considerably at Negapatam, Madras, Secunderabad, Goa, Veraval and Sirsa, and the skies are more or less cloudy at Coimbatore,

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

MONDAY EVENING, DEC. 2.

WE chronicled under Saturday evening's date the latest news received through Reuter for this column, and now we append our weekly comparative statement of the American crop figures which give the following comparisons with the two previous seasons:—

	1899.	1898.	1897.
Week's Receipts	2,25,000	3,91,000	4,03,000
,, Exports to U. Kingdom	74,000	170,000	1,15,000
,, ,, to Continent	129,000	1,42,000	1,65,000
Total receips since 1st Sept.	28,13,000	43,70,000	40,97,000
,, ,, to U. K. ,,	7,94,000	15,29,000	13,99,000
,, ,, to Continent ,,	11,79,000	13,72,000	13,74,000
,, Stock in the Ports	9,80,000	12,91,000	10,36,000

The total visible supply of Cotton for all Europe affords the following comparisons with the two previous years:—

	1899.	1898.	1897.
Total visible supply of all kinds	37,90,000	45,94,750	38,19,450
,, ,, ,, of Surats	49,000	57,500	39,350

For the United Kingdom only the figures are:—

Stock in Liverpool	7,81,000	9,73,000	5,92,550
,, London	2,000	3,000	4,000
American afloat	1,40,000	5,04,500	4,42,000
East Indian ,,	.....	1,030	1060
Total	9,23,000	14,81,530	1,039,560
Price of Mid.-Americans	4 11-32d.	3 1-81.	3 1-4d.
,, Good Bnowaugger	3 15-32d.	2 9-16d.	2 23-32d.
Difference	27-32d.	18-32d.	17-32d

MONEY.—The Bank of Bombay return for the week ending on Saturday last showed the following changes:—

Public Deposits at the Head Office Dec.	Rs.	3,15,927	
,, ,, ,, Branches... Inc.	,,	11,991	
Other ,, Inc.	,,	6,07,522	
Government Securities... Inc.	,,	1,68,105	
Other authorised ,, Dec.	,,	2,91,375	
Loans Inc.	,,	7,05,442	
Bills Discounted and Purchased... Inc.	,,	14,31,683	
Balances with other Banks Dec.	,,	15,856	
Cash Dec.	,,	21,34,275	

There was a falling off in the Cash Balance of the Bank of Bombay during last week to the extent of over 21 1-4 lakhs, reducing it to some 164 3-4 lakhs. Public Deposits decreased at the Head Office by 3 lakhs; and Private Deposits were 6 lakhs greater. Government Securities were 1 1-2 lakh more and Bills Discounted and Purchased 14 1-4 lakhs.

COTTON.—The market is steady though quiet. Shippers bought 300 bales Bengal at Rs. 184 1 2; and the Mills, 500 Kamtas at Rs. 192 "Good" Broach, March delivery, was quoted at Rs. 211 1-2 per candy; "Fully Good" Bengal, for January, Rs. 172; "Good" Bhownugger, for May, Rs. 196.

WHEAT AND SEEDS are quiet and unchanged.

The weather in the cotton-growing districts continues much the same, as shown by this morning's telegrams. The mornings at Dhollera are cold; at Beawar they are cold and dewy, as they are at Dhulia and Barsi. At Amraoti the weather is seasonable, but the rabi crops have failed.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay on Saturday were as follows:—

Cotton	4,466	bales.
Wheat	233	cwts.
Linseed	1,707	,,
Gingelly seed	21,519	,,
Rice	78,068	,,

FREIGHTS.—The Horatio steamer has been berthed, for Hull, at 14s. 6d.; and business is passing at 15s. to 16s. 6d. for Havre, Antwerp, and Dunkirk. There is no enquiry for forward shipment.

EXCHANGE has been quiet and unchanged to-day at 1s. 4 13-32d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and 1s. 4 13-32d. for three months' sight Credits. There was but little reported doing and rates closed as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand	1s. 4 3-32d.	per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s. 4 3-32d.	,,
Credits 3 months' Sight	1s. 4 13-32d.	,,
Francs	172 1-4	,,

GOVERNMENT PAPER has been quiet at 97 5-16 for 3 1-2 per Cents, for both Money and Account.

SHARES.—Manockjee Petit Mills are Rs. 5 higher; New Berar Press 20, and New Indian Rs. 5. Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation have advanced Rs. 50 in the first issue and Rs. 30 in the second. Bank of Bombay have declined Rs. 5, to Rs. 1,270 per share.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

SUEZ, DEC. 2.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Rewa left here this afternoon.

ADEN, DEC. 4.

The Austrian Lloyd's Company's s.s. Marquis Bacquehem from Trieste, sailed for Bombay this morning and is expected to arrive here on the 11th instant.

KARACHI, DEC. 3.

The Austrian Lloyds steamer Moravia, from Trieste for Bombay, sailed this morning, and is expected to arrive here on the 5th instant noon.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, DEC. 2.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firmer. Surat firmer.

Good Bhownuggur, 3 16-32.

The Manchester Market has been firm.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	102 1-2 ex.
3 per cent. Rentes	100 3-4
3 ½ per cent. Sterling Loan	110
3 ½ per cent. Rupee Paper	64 7-16
Bar Silver	27 1-4

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 2nd December, as compared with the statement of 25th November:—

LIABILITIES.	Nov. 25. Rs.	Dec. 2. Rs.
Capital	10,00,000	100,00,000
Reserve Fund	70,00,000	70,00,000
Special Reserve Fund	.....	.....
Public Deposits at Head Office	51,51,527	48,35,600
Do. do. at Branches	27,21,501	27,41,492
Other Deposits	341,29,814	347,26,139
Post Bills	6,358	6,358
Credits, undrawn	14,92,048	12,87,185
	694,13,051	605,96,774

ASSETS.		
Government Securities	83,30,578	84,98,684
Other authorised Securities	37,28,874	34,37,499
Credits, on Govt and other authorised Securities	44,85,675	48,85,051
do. do.	155,64,143	163,69,585
Loans do.	91,16,965	103,48,648
Bills Discounted and purchased	4,22,815	4,22,815
Dead Stock	21,573	22,187
Stamps and Stationery	.....	.....
Branch Banks	1,37,957	1,27,101
Balances with other Banks	186,04,479	194,70,201
Cash	.....	.....
Rs.	694,13,051	605,96,774

RAILWAY RETURNS.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

Approximate return of traffic for week ended 18th November, 1899, on 461 miles open.

	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated.)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Traffic for the week	90,000	2,65,000	4,000	3,59,000
Or per mile of Railway	195	575	9	779
For previous 19 weeks of half-year	16,55,227	33,08,537	42,765	55,06,529
Total for 20 weeks	17,45,227	40,73,537	46,765	58,65,529
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	73,677	2,49,780	1,037	2,24,494
Per mile of Ry. do.	160	325	2	487
Total to corresponding date do.	14,43,314	29,84,466	64,914	44,92,694

Increase for the week ..... Rs. 1,34,506
Ditto to date ..... ,, 13,72,835

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

Open 1,491 1-4 Miles.

The following is the statement of traffic, week ending 18th November, 1899.

	Coaching Traffic. Receipts.	Merchandize and Mineral Traffic. Receipts.	Other Earnings (Estimated)	Total Earnings.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total Corresponding week last Year. Open 1,491 miles.	1,43,223	5,54,535	7,809	7,01,567
	...	...	...	5,96,902

Decrease ..... Rs. 1,07,845

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

DEATH.

HUNT—December 4, at the Temperance Hall, Colaba, Bombay, Felicia, the dearly beloved wife of John Hunt, aged 50 years and 11 months. The funeral will leave the Temperance Hall, at half-past 3, to-day (Tuesday).

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGES.

BURT—SAYERS—November 21, at the Old Church, Calcutta, by the Rev H Gouldsmith, Horace Arthur Sey nour Burt, Benkal Police, to Carita (Molly), eldest daughter of H. T. Sayers, of Woodford House, Cascheo, Tipperary.

ORTIGER—HARRISON—November 22, at the R C Chapel, Jamalpore, by the Rev Father Cesary, Harry P Ortiger, E I R, Tundla, to Florence Mary Harrison.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** ALL communications intended for publication in our columns should be addressed to the Editor and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1899.

THE Censor is inexorable and allows no information to reach the public touching the preparations for the deliverance of Ladysmith. From Kimberley we learn that a Boer laager has been captured on the 30th ult., but as the enemy had almost disappeared some days before, the gain or loss must have been inconsiderable. The most serious incident is the mishap that befell the transport Ismare which went on the rocks at St. Helena, a hundred miles north of Capetown. She had the 10th Hussars on board, Field Artillery, and a Medical Corps. These were safely landed, the weather fortunately being favourable. But the horses remain on board and two of her Majesty's ships and a transport has left Capetown to render assistance to the Ismare. It turns out that Sir Mansfield Clarke has not been appointed to the command of the Sixth Division; that post is assigned to Major-General Kelly Kenny who has been made Lieutenant-General on the Staff. The mail has brought a good deal of information, though it does not throw much light on the present situation. At Kimberley the chief aim of the Boers was to destroy the mines, of which they had got the exact range. They fired at the dynamite huts of which they exploded several, causing a good deal of damage. The mines belong to the De Beers Company, with which Mr. Rhodes is prominently associated. The explosion of the shells of the Boer 96-pounder shook the town, creating dust, confusion, and panic which eventually subsided. The townsfolk kept in the shell-proof cellars and enjoyed comparative immunity. The troops retired into the fortified trenches. Military critics in London, noting that in the skirmish at Belmont, with a force of 500, two officers were killed and two wounded, only two privates being wounded, urge the importance of arming the officers with a rifle or carbine, the same as the rank-and-file.

This was done when Methuen's and Carrington's Horse were raised on the Colony at the end of 1884. The officers were armed with rifles, and wore the same dress as the men, their rank being denoted by stripes on the arm of a slightly darker material than the rest of the uniform. It is now admitted that it was quite a mistake to suppose that the present-day Boers have not the same skill with the rifle as those of the previous generation. They are skilled marksmen, and pay especial attention to officers and non-commissioned officers. Their system is to skilfully plan ambuscades beforehand, into which to draw the unsuspecting enemy; rapid movements on the battlefield being generally followed by an endeavour to envelope the flanks of the enemy. The intention attributed to them to retire in case of defeat into the Zoutpansberg ranges in the extreme north of the Transvaal territory, where large supplies of provisions have been restored, will lengthen out the war. There being no railways it will be a difficult[illegible]ons and ammunition ness to transport provisi[illegible]ckless wilds. Their design over those [illegible] expected European complications is to prot[illegible] mature. One military critic ironically for t[illegible]pliments at the newspaper correspondent com[illegible]n a hill, five miles north of Estcourt, who o[illegible]e to see heavy smoke hanging over was ab[illegible]h, and enormous puffs of white Ladysmit[illegible]ng up when the Boer Long Tom smoke go[illegible]m Estcourt itself sharp ears could fired. Fr[illegible] the sharp detonation of the Lyddite distinguish[illegible]e the deep thunder of the roars shells abov[illegible]unonade. Forty-three miles of of the c[illegible]rugged territory intervenes be[illegible]ourt and Ladysmith. What tween Est[illegible]dent probably heard was the the correspo[illegible]t of the storms frequent rolling thund[illegible] year; his imagination did at this time o[illegible] for the puffs of smoke the rest. As [illegible]g gun, this military man dis- from the Boers bi[illegible]a stroke of the pen: "That poses of them by[illegible]s could be distinguished at the smoke cloud[illegible]y-seven miles is a remarkable distance of thirt[illegible]rness of the atmosphere and proof of the cle[illegible]yesight of the correspondent, the powers of e[illegible]were due to the causes suggested but that they [illegible]ast doubtful, in view of the re- by him is at le[illegible] the effect that the Boers, as cent reports to[illegible]es, are using smokeless powder well as ourselv[illegible] A bombardment usually results for their guns[illegible]a number of buildings; the in the firing of[illegible]y be due to this cause." But smoke clouds ma[illegible]ome excuse for the correc- after all there is [illegible]sorely handicapped. After spondents, who are[illegible]t four riders with his copy one of them had se[illegible]ptured, the next rider which were all ca[illegible] At least three corre- asked £40 for his risk[illegible]d, two made prisoners, spondents have been kill[illegible]t arm amputated and one has had his ri[illegible] much may be Where they venture so much[illegible]ress we leave forgiven them. As we go to p[illegible] that the correspondent of the *Morning* [illegible] states the bombardment of Ladysmith now does more damage than formerly, soldiers and civilians being killed daily. He tells us, what seems incredible, that the Boers besieging that position with its garrison of 9,000 is only 10,000 strong. It would be contrary to common sense that ten thousand men could surround and besiege nine thousand. The troops we are told are in good health, but impatient at the delay, as well they may be. At Colenso the strength of the Boers is estimated at 15,000 with fifteen guns under General Joubert, who will doubtless dispute the passage of the Tugela which General Buller is expected to force. The Boers at Johannesburg are manufacturing shells and other projectiles. They have sent revolving platforms for three big guns to the front, by which probably we are to understand Laings Nek, which has been strongly fortified.

THE University of Research, which Mr. Tata has with such public spirit and liberality come forward to found and endow, seems now to be an accomplished fact, and not as hitherto a mere idea. It has been discussed for full eighteen months now and a mass of literature has already grown around it. Mr. Justice Ranade, the enthusiastic Vice-President of the Provisional Committee, in summarising the literature of opinion on the scheme in which he had a large share, touched the root of the whole matter and pointed out the essential factor of success, when he said that much, if not everything, rested with the various Governments of the country. "The success of the scheme depends upon the attitude of the Government of India and of the local Governments towards it. If those Governments show full sympathy, the rulers of Native States will not be backward, as has been exemplified on many previous occasions, notably in connection with Lady Dufferin's scheme. Without such support no start can be made." This sympathy has now been forthcoming from the English Government in a signal manner. The Government of India have expressed their sympathy with the scheme in pronounced and generous terms which leave no doubt whatever about the attitude of the highest authorities:—"The Government of India desire to place on record their appreciation of the generosity and public spirit displayed by Mr. J. N. Tata in making his munificent offers of an endowment for the proposed University of Research. They are confident that the proposed University will meet a great need, and will contribute to the advancement of higher education and the development of the resources of the country. They will be ready to proceed to legislation as soon as the scheme has been matured in all its details, and they wish the undertaking every success." Lord Curzon's Government have acted very creditably in this matter and their desire to benefit the country by fostering such an undertaking is worthy of all praise. When on his arrival on our shores, eleven months ago, Lord Curzon was approached by the Committee with a view to acquaint him with their scheme and to enlist his sympathies, he told them that he had observed during several years' study of Indian questions, that there were gaps at both ends of the educational system of India and he recognised that their proposed University desired to supply the gap at the upper end. Since then he has shown himself a wise friend of education of the Indians in the convocation address he delivered before the Calcutta University, and in the memorable resolution issued last month on Mr. J. S. Cotton's quinquennial report on education. That he is not an indiscriminating friend he showed in his very arrival to the Committee when he frankly criticised some points relating to their scheme. He desired to know if they were satisfied that when they had got together a number of Professors with high salaries there would be a sufficient number of pupils for them to teach; and he pointed out that it would be disappointing to have a number of liberally-paid Professors lecturing to empty benches. Then again, having heard a good deal about the number of students turned out by Indian Colleges who found it difficult to obtain remunerative employment, he persistently asked the Committee whether they were satisfied that after a number of qualified chemists and scientists had been trained in the proposed institution, posts would be available by them. This latter point was rendered a crucial one. And we find real well-wishers of the scheme and true friends of Indian education, like the Reverend Principal of the St. Xavier's College, which has done as much as any institution for the training of Indian youths, echoing Lord Curzon's inquiry. Believing that employments do not exist for qualified men, the Rev. Father Kemp points out that to tempt with scholarships students to the new University, as long as they will be unable to find suitable and lucrative work on leaving it, will amount to the creation of a new set of discontented young men.

Now that the scheme of Mr. Tata's University is put on a satisfactory and well established basis by the support and sympathy of the Government, the first and main [illegible] its promoters is that of ways and mea[illegible]questions about its local habitation are almost settled. The Simla Confe[illegible]gh its majority favoured the title "[illegible] as more suitable than "University" tots in view, wisely decided in deference views of Mr. Tata and in considerate sentiment of the educated communi[illegible]dia, recommend that the institution be [illegible]e Indian University of Research." As [illegible]e local habitation the Conference ha[illegible] the choice between Bombay and Bangalore preference for the former as it is the the Founder, who however with his cosmop[illegible] tastes "rather favours Bangalore," as it is a [illegible]centre of commercial and industrial activ[illegible]art, as it is easy of access from all parts of Indi[illegible] and from England, and a strong governing [illegible] body could be easily obtained here. The only [illegible] chance of Bangalore having a decided preference over our city lies in the help that its government may give to the financi[illegible] both as regards initial expenditure and su[illegible] quent maintenance. The finances of the [illegible] posed University are at present quite [illegible] quats for its various objects, set [illegible] the scheme which is published [illegible] *Gazette of India* over the si[illegible] of Mr. Barjorji J. Padshah, the zeal[illegible] energetic honorary secretary. It app[illegible] for initial thirteen lakhs of rupees are re[illegible] the current outlay, and three lakhs a ye[illegible] expenditure. Of this the item of thirteen lakhs is non-existe[illegible] present, and of the second the most donor has provided for a little over [illegible]d. Even if the two first of the three lacs of studies into which the scheme is [illegible]ed be taken up at the start, as recommended by the Conference, twelve lakhs would be required for initial outlay, and two lakhs and a [illegible] every year. Even then there is a large de[illegible] to be provided for. The income from Mr. [illegible]ta's endowment will not suffice for [illegible] adequate working of even the first branch, [illegible] scientific and technical department, which [illegible]ld require [illegible] lakh and a half for the annua[illegible] expenditure for the staff of Professors and for [illegible]aboratories and the like, while the initial [illegible]lay on the building of this department [illegible]quire ten lakhs.

This is a serious difficulty [illegible] has existed from the beginning, and to wh[illegible] anxious consideration has been given. The generous founder was alive to it whe[illegible] he came forward with the scheme and frankly declared that he was not the sole endower, but was only giving his share towards an undertaking which was of national importance. He invited his wealthy fellow merchants and captains of industry, to contribute handsomely to the fund which was to benefit in its ultimate results, industry and commerce to a very large extent. They would be by giving a portion of their profits or even of their capital to this institution, merely casting bread upon the waters which would return to them multiplied. Another direction in which aid was confidently looked for, was the Native Princes. Mr. Ranade in the memorandum from which we have quoted above, refers pointedly to this. And Lord Curzon, during his interview with the Committee to which we have referred, fully understood this when he asked the latter to explain this point further. He naturally feared that anything like an effort on the part of the Government of India to influence the Native Princes to contribute to this fund might be misunderstood. Of course nothing like pressure brought to bear upon these States and their rulers has ever been contemplated by anybody. But now that the Government of India has fully proclaimed its sympathy and support, these Native Princes may reasonably be expected to follow suit, and give valuable aid in various ways by endowing chairs, creating fellowships and providing sufficient funds for buildings and sites. Native India will profit quite as much as British India by the results of this undertaking, when it shall be quite in working order. There is no reason why the Native States, which are so generous with their pecuniary aid towards many a good scheme and some even indifferent ones, should not come forward to help this eminently good and worthy project of an Indian University of Research. They now utilise graduates turned out by the Universities beyond their pale; they can equally well and even more profitably utilise scientists and scholars trained by this new University. Finally, the Government should set them a practical example by itself coming forward with a handsome donation and grant. It is an Imperial and National object which the University is to achieve and the revenues of the people cannot be better utilised than by spending at least some part of them in aiding schemes like this which Mr. Tata has launched.

A SOMEWHAT remarkable state of things appears to prevail just now in Calcutta. Our correspondent there writes that although plague deaths are daily reported, the opinion is held by a good many well-informed people that the disease has disappeared and that the place ought to be declared free. It seems that at the end of last cold weather and until well into the hot season, plague was undoubtedly present in the City of Palaces, and that too in no light form. The segregation camp and plague hospital were practically empty, but that was only because they were so much disliked by the native population. Cases, however, were constantly being brought into the plague wards in the Campbell and Medical College hospitals, and medical practitioners came across others frequently in the course of their rounds. For some months past however, all this has changed. The wards of the hospitals are free of cases. No suspicious patients are discovered by the very elaborate staffs kept up to watch departing passengers, though, as a rule, the first instinct of a sick Bengalee is to get to his home, and the public generally hear nothing of the disease outside the newspapers. All the same there are officially returned daily plague deaths. The reports are certainly peculiar, showing as they do, so suspicious a resemblance between the number of cases and the number of deaths, that many people declare there is no such thing as cases under treatment at all, and that deaths only are recorded, the burning ghats being undoubtedly one of the sources of information, and once a corpse is burnt it is impossible to hold a *post mortem* on it. Some weeks since the *Englishman* reported that a reduction was to be made in the plague establishment. Immediately afterwards the number of reported plague deaths went up, and the same journal was found exhorting the Government not to be misled by appearances, for the very lull there had been might be an indication that a further outbreak was imminent. Since then nothing more has been heard of reducing establishment. It will be interesting now to see what the Bengal Chamber of Commerce will have to say in the matter. At present the commercial community is putting up with the great inconvenience and expense to which the quarantine against Calcutta subjects their transactions. The spectacle, under these circumstances, of a port which, for all practical purposes, is clear, continuing, like the miserable sinner, to abase itself and declare itself plague-stricken, is a somewhat amusing one. A point will, no doubt, be reached later on, when the inhabitants will realise that the attitude is also ridiculous.

THE P. and O. Company's steamer Caledonia, with the outward mails of the 24th ult., left Aden, at 6 a.m., yesterday, and is expected to arrive in Bombay, at 10 a.m., on Friday next.

THE Indian Government Telegraph steamer Patrick [illegible] Captain W. A. Tindall, arrived in harbour [illegible] evening from Karachi, which port she left [illegible] instant, with the following passengers on [illegible] Mrs. J. A. O'Maley, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. [illegible] and two children, Mrs. A. H. Fell and two [illegible], Miss Watson, and 11 deck. She has come [illegible] be docked for usual repairs. During the [illegible] she experienced fine weather.

THE Maharja of Bikanir has subscribed Rs. 2,000 to the Transvaal Fund, one-half of this sum being from his private purse, while the two Maharanis have given a joint subscription of Rs. 1,000. This is a very handsome contribution especially as Bikanir is now suffering from famine and that the members of the ruling family have had to curtail all ordinary expenses. The Maharaja, who is keenly interested in military matter, applied to be allowed to proceed on service to the Transvaal; but, as in the case of other Indian Chiefs, it was impossible to accept this loyal offer.

AT the meeting of the Senate of the Madras University on Friday evening, the recommendation of the Syndicate that the honorary degree of LL. D., be conferred on the Rev. Dr. Miller, M. A., LL. D., C. I. E., was unanimously approved. In proposing the motion the Hon'ble Mr. Stuart referred to the great services which Dr. Miller had rendered to education in this country. The motion was heartily seconded and supported. In thanking the meeting for the honour, Dr. Miller said he deeply valued the recommendation. It was true that he had already received the same degree from an ancient and famous University in another land, but he would in spite of that regard it as one of the greatest honours in his life to be the first honorary graduate of this young and vigorous University.

A SERIOUS railway accident occurred on November 15, near Capelle, on the Yssel, between Gouda and Rotterdam. Two trains came into collision in a thick fog. A train was sent from Rotterdam to bring back the wounded. Among those who were injured is M. Mijatovitch, the Servian Minister in London. It has been ascertained that five persons were killed and twenty-nine injured, fifteen mortally. It was the London express from Flushing which came into collision with the other train.

THE Kashmir State Council has finally sanctioned the plan for rebuilding Mahrajgan Bazaar, which was burnt down last year. Already the river ghat at this place has been built after an approved model by Mr. Nethersole. Now the shops will be rebuilt by the owners according to a uniform plan, and next year's visitors will find a new and picturesque bazaar sprung up on the site where there was nothing but *debris* this year.

THE Belgian Chambers were opened on Nov. 14 without ceremony. M. Beernaert was again elected President of the Chamber of Representatives. In thanking the House for his re-election, M. Beernaert said the session would be short, and expressed the hope that with the aid of Providence it would be fruitful of good for the country.

MRS. O'KEEFE, the widow of a sergeant in the Munster Fusiliers, has received the following communication from the Queen:—The Commander-in-Chief, having brought to the notice of the Queen the fact of Mrs. O'Keefe having at present seven sons serving in the Army, her Majesty's Private Secretary is commanded to forward the enclosed present of 5*l.* from the Queen, and at the same time express to Mrs. O'Keefe the gratification with which her Majesty has learned of this remarkable and praiseworthy instance of voluntary service to their Queen and country in one home. Her Majesty the Queen thinks Mrs. O'Keefe has every reason to be proud of her sons.

THE Ques has approved the appointment of the Right Hon. John Blair Balfour, Q. C., M. P., to be Lord Justice General in Scotland and Lord President of the Court of Session, in the room of the Right Hon. James Patrick Bannerman Robertson, appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.

AT the meeting of the Birmingham and Provincial, Union held at Birmingham on Nov. 15 a protest was made against the prohibition of exports to the Persian Gulf. Mr. Hughes, the chairman, said that in the recent action against Commander Carr, of the gunboat Lapwing, for seizure of arms, Mr. Justice Grantham summed up wholly in favour of the plaintiffs, and the jury found accordingly. The judge, however, reserved judgment, and after ten days gave it in the opposite way.

AT the monthly meeting of the Royal Humane Society, Staff-Sergt. F. N. Grier, Army Pay Department, was awarded the society's bronze medal for his action in jumping from the s.s. Avoca, while the transport was steaming down Channel at about thirteen and a half knots, and saving the life of a seaman who had fallen overboard. The silver medal was awarded to Commander E. F. B. Charlton, H. M. S. Orlando, for his attempt to save the life of a petty officer of the ship who was drowned in the Muda River, near Penang. Although the river was swarming with crocodiles, Commander Charlton dived several times, but was unable to effect the rescue.

CHOLERA has broken out among the famine labourers sent from Hissar District to the Jhelum Canal Works. There have been 162 seizures, and 52 deaths.

THE removal of the well-known advertising agency C. Mitchell and Co., from their old premises in Red Lion Court, Fleet Street, after an occupancy of sixty-three years, is announced. Their new building on Snow Hill is to be known as Mitchell House. This important change places Messrs. Mitchell and Co. in the very centre of the American commercial colony in London—for in Holborn Viaduct, Snow Hill, Farringdon Avenue, and the immediate neighbourhood are to be found the European branches of a large number of Transatlantic houses whose goods are lavishly advertised throughout the kingdom. Although many years have elapsed since the death of Mr. Charles Mitchell the founder of the firm, his memory survives in that standard work of reference "The Newspaper Press Directory"—now in its fifty-fifth year. Messrs. Mitchell and Co., deal not only with the newspapers and periodicals of Great Britain and Ireland, but with every similar publication of repute in the British possessions abroad.

THE Chiefs of Nagar, Hunza, Yassid, Punial, and Astor, and about 50 Bhotias, reached Srinagar from Bandipura on the 25th, and left on the 27th November for Rawalpindi, and from there, together with another party from Chitral, they will travel to Calcutta to interview the Viceroy

A DESPATCH received at Lisbon from Mozambique states that the Governor has received information from the British Commissioner to the effect that the Portuguese expedition against Mataka reached its destination on Sept. 19, after an engagement with the natives, in which the latter lost heavily.

THE Reichstag reassembled on Nov. 14 after an adjournment of nearly five months. At the present moment the various parties are represented as follows in the House:—Centre, or Clerical Party, 103 members; Social Democrats, 58; Conservative Right, 53; National Liberals, 48; Radical Left, 28; Free Conservatives, 22; Poles, 14; Moderate Radicals, 12; Anti-Semites, 12; Alsatians, 10; Guelphs, 8; South German Democrats, 7; Bavarian Peasants, League, 4; Unattached, 18. The total number of members is 397. In the above list 3 seats, at present vacant, have been counted as belonging to the parties which formerly held them.

AT the 59th annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company to be held on the 12th December, the directors, after providing for the usual dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the Preferred Stock, will recommend a dividend on the Deferred Stock of 6 1-2 per cent. for the six months, and a bonus of 2 per cent., making, with the interim dividend of 3 1-2 per cent. paid in June, a total distribution on the Deferred Stock of 12 per cent. for the year.

WHILST a couple of miners were prospecting in King William Gully, Yandoit, one of them, in throwing out the hopperings from a cradle, observed a stone, which, upon closer examination, showed gold. The stone was broken, and 10 oz. gold were obtained. The old gully is famous for several large nuggets having been found there in past years.

THE loss of a case containing jewellery of the value of £2,500 has been reported in Birmingham. On the 6th instant, Mr. Frederick Stone, of Northampton-street, Birmingham, left that city by Midland Railway for Northampton. He had with him a case containing samples, and this was taken charge of by a porter, who labelled it and put it into the guard's van. When Mr. Stone reached his destination the case was missing, and though inquiries have been made by the railway officials and the police no trace has been found of it.

THE parliamentary session was opened on Nov. 14 by King Humbert, in the Hall of the Senate, in the Palazzo Madama. His Majesty was accompanied by the Queen and all the members of the royal family except the Duke of the Abruzzi. All the members of the Cabinet and the principal Court functionaries and other dignitaries were also present. In the Speech from the Throne his Majesty expressed the hope that the deputies would actively resume their labours and dispose of the measures not dealt with last session. It was, above all, necessary that the Budget should be discussed. The speech announced that bills would be presented for the abolition of compulsory fixed domicile and for mitigating certain taxation laws. The King dwelt upon the notable economic improvement observable throughout the kingdom. Adverting to foreign affairs, his Majesty said that Italy's relations with all the Powers were excellent, and nothing menaced the country in any quarter. His Majesty also alluded to Italy's participation in the Hague Conference. "The forthcoming celebration of the Holy Year will afford us," he said, "an opportunity of showing that we understand how to respect the obligations which we assumed on coming to Rome."

THE Bulgarian *Official Journal* publishes a rescript of Prince Ferdinand, in which his Royal Highness expresses to the Government his satisfaction with the measures adopted to free the country from the financial crisis, and announces his intention to renounce half his Civil List for the ensuing year. This act of the Prince has produced a great impression in the country.

TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

DETAILS OF THE BATTLE OF THE MODDER RIVER.

AWFUL HAIL OF BULLETS FROM BOER MARKSMEN.

TERRIFIC FIRE OF BRITISH ARTILLERY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 4, 12-5 P.M.

Details of the fight at the Modder River have been received.

Lord Methuen's force found the Boers entrenched beyond the river over a front extending five miles.

After three hours' artillery duel, the British troops advanced towards the River. There was no cover for the men, who fell rapidly under the awful hail of bullets from the marksmen close up on the opposite bank.

The 91st Regiment made several attempts to rush the bridge, but were driven back.

Eventually a detachment of ths Guards crossed, and held their own for hours against a vastly superior force of Boers.

The British artillery maintained a terrific fire all day and at night the British drove the Boers from their trenches and occupied their positions.

The Boers carried off their guns, they must have lost tremendously through their long exposure to the artillery fire.

Two officers and twelve men of the Coldstreams swam across the river under fire, but were forced to go back.

SUCCESSFUL SORTIE FROM KIMBERLEY.

BOERS' LAAGER CAPTURED.

SEARCH-LIGHT COMMUNICATION AT MODDER RIVER.

A TRANSPORT ASHORE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DEC. 3, 10-50 P.M.

It is officially announced that on the 28th ultimo the garrison of Kimberley made a sortie in force, and succeeded in capturing the Boers' laager on the west.

Communication by search-light has been established between General Methuen at the Modder River, and Kimberley.

The transport Ismare, having on board the 10th Hussars, Field Artillery, and Medical Corps, went on the reefs near St. Helena Bay, a hundred miles north of Capetown. The troops were safely got to the shore, but there was a difficulty in landing the horses, and vessels have been sent from Capetown to the disabled transport's assistance.

The weather is favourable.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS IN THE SIXTH DIVISION.

Lieutenant-General Kelly Kenny will command in the Sixth Division. Colonel Goldsmid commands the Twelfth Brigade and Colonel Knox, the Thirteenth Brigade. Colonel Clements is also attached to the Division.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

REINFORCEMENTS TO THE FRONT.

LONDON, DEC. 4.

The Horse Artillery, the Canadian Regiment, and the Australian Contingent, with three battalions of infantry, have been moved up to the line between Desar and Belmont.

THE BATTLE OF MODDER RIVER.

DESPERATE FIGHTING.

The *Daily Chronicle's* correspondent, in a despatch, dated Modder River, 29th ultimo, states that the battle of the 28th lasted fourteen hours, and only ended at nightfall, when the Boers retreated and the British occupied their positions.

BRITISH INFANTRY EXPOSED TO SCATHING FIRE.

The despatch adds that the British infantry had no cover and were moved down by the terrible fire.

HEAVY BOER LOSSES.

The loss among the Boers was tremendous.

DETAILS OF THE MODDER RIVER BATTLE.

LATER.

The *Times'* second edition to-day publishes further details of the battle at Modder River.

The Boer position was in a circular form, and the British advance was enfiladed on both sides.

At dusk part of the Ninth Brigade and Highlanders crossed the River on the extreme left by the mill-dam below the bridge and occupied the ground.

As night fell the victory was still undecided but by the morning of the 29th the Guards had followed the Ninth Brigade, and as the town was evacuated all crossed on the morning of the 29th.

The Boers shelled our ambulance waggons and the wounded who were under treatment.

THE WRECK OF THE ISMARE.

Most of the guns which were on board the Transport Ismare have been landed.

THE POSITION OF AFFAIRS AT THE FRONT.

No accounts have been received from Lord Methuen or General Buller since the operations of the 28th ult.

It is supposed that General Buller's first operation will be the forcing of the passage of the Tugela River.

THE BOERS MAKING SHELLS AND PROJECTILES.

Reuter wires from Lourenco Marques [that Boer reports state that the Transvaal authorities at Johannesburg are manufacturing shells and other projectiles, and that revolving platforms for the "long Toms" have been sent to the front.

LATEST FROM LADYSMITH.

THE TROOPS GETTING IMPATIENT.

A "Morning Post" despatch from Ladysmith, dated 25th ultimo, states that the bombardment by the Boers has done much more damage recently, and that the Liverpools and the remnant of the Gloucesters lost eleven killed and wounded yesterday. Several civilians and Natal police were also killed and injured.

The number of Boers who are besieging Ladysmith probably amount to 10,000 men.

The health of the troops continues to be good but the men are impatient at the delay.

THE BOERS STRENGTH AT COLENSO.

A "Morning Post" despatch, dated Estcourt, 30th ult., says that a released prisoner who has come in states that the Boers holding Colenso are 15,000 strong with 15 guns, and that General Joubert commands.

NO NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

LONDON, DEC. 3, 10 P.M.

There is nothing fresh from the seat of war in Natal or Modder River.

TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS.

The transport Templemore with the 13th Hussars has arrived at Capetown.

THE AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT.

The Australian Contingent is being re-armed with Lee Enfields.

LATEST FROM BASUTO LAND.

Latest news from Basuto Land states that the Chief Joel is still endeavouring to stir up disaffection, but that all the others are loyal.

THE FIGHT AT GRASSPAN.

The Boer Commandant Delorey reported that President Kruger and the Burghers at Grasspan were obliged to retire because they were being surrounded.

TRANSPORT ASHORE AT ST. HELENA.

LONDON, DEC. 4.

The transport Ismore with the 63rd Battery, the 9th Medical Company and a portion of the 10th Hussars went ashore yesterday on the rocks off St. Helena.

The troops have been safely landed, but the horses are still on board, owing to the difficulty there is to land them.

The Doris and Niobe and the transport Columbian have gone to the assistance of the Ismare.

Fortunately the sea is calm.

LATEST FROM KIMBERLEY.

An official despatch, dated Kimberley 30th ultimo, states that the Bechuanaland Police captured the enemy's laager to the west of Kimberley on the 28th ultimo.

Searchlight communication between Kimberley and Modder River has been established.

THE SIXTH DIVISION FOR THE CAPE.

In the sixth division for South Africa, Major-General Kelly Kenny has been appointed a Lieutenant-General on the Staff, and Colonels C. Knox and R. Clements, Brigadiers.

THE TRANSPORT ISMARE.

LONDON, DEC. 4.

The transport Ismare is ashore at St. Helena Bay, on the coast of Cape Colony.

THE COMMAND OF THE SIXTH DIVISION.

The statement which has been published regarding Sir Mansfield Clarke's appointment to the Sixth Division, is untrue.

General Kelly Kenny will command the Sixth Division.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, DEC. 4.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. Caledonia, with the mails of the 24th ultimo, left here for Bombay, at 6 a.m., to-day, and the s. s. Arcadia, for Colombo, and Australia, at 5 a.m., to-day.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, DEC. 4.

An "Indian Daily News," cablegram, dated London, 3rd December, states that the consensus of opinion in England and Germany is that Mr. Chamberlain's alliance speech is overcharged.

THE VICEROY'S CUP.

The betting on the Viceroy's Cup is: Merloolas, 6 to 4; Vanitas, fours; Strathroy, fives; Keenan, sixes; Gluten and Vedettee, tens; and Catspaw and Moth, fifteens.

Merloolas has arrived from Lucknow and looks very fit, but a bit on the light side.

GUN DRILL FOR INFANTRY.

The Government of India has sanctioned a scheme for the training of Volunteer Infantry in gun drill. It applies to Bangalore, Jhansi, Quetta, and Nagpur, also to Agra and Allahabad, and includes a grant of extra capitation of ten rupees per annum for each Volunteer qualified, also the appointment of an additional drill instructor each to Bangalore Volunteer Rifles, Midland Railway Volunteer Rifles, and the Nagpur Volunteer Rifles.

SERVICE NOTES.

Major H. Appleton, Captain W. F. Tilby, and Lieutenant W. S. Oldham, all Royal Engineers, are posted to the Central Provinces in connection with famine works.

The name of Subedar Major Muhammad Ibrahim, 10th Bombay Infantry, is amongst those of the native officers for whom land grants are sanctioned.

Four R. E. Officers have been called for famine duty in Bombay.

One year's extension from January, of the deputation of Major A. M. Davies, A.M.C., on special sanitary bacteriological investigations in cantonments, is sanctioned.

The appointment of Captain Dann, as Assistant Judge Advocate General, is provisionally approved by the Government of India.

Orders have been issued for one N. C. O. for the 5th Royal Fusiliers and one for the (3rd) Yorkshires to proceed home immediately.

Major Bailey, Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Jubbulpore, proceeds home on eight months' leave, on urgent private affairs.

THE BAREILLY WATER-SUPPLY.

The Bareilly cantonment water-supply extension scheme is to be pushed on; Rs. 40,000 having been made immediately available for it by the Government of India, and an issue of order has been sanctioned for materials to the value of over Rs. 80,000.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

H. E. the Commander-in-Chief left Simla this morning for Calcutta, en route for Burma.

THE CALCUTTA DOCKS.

Considerable extentions are in progress in the Calcutta Docks. The construction of a new graving Dock has been commenced. 450 feet long by 80 feet broad, and also of some twenty more warehouses for salt and grain.

PLAGUE IN POONA.

POONA, DEC. 4.

There has been no case of plague in the city today. One death occurred in the General Plague Hospital and 1 case in the Cantonment. In the district 50 cases and 33 deaths, in Bhor 32 cases and 23 deaths, and in Indapur 5 cases are reported.

PROFESSOR LAAD ON CHRISTIANITY.

A LARGE gathering of Indian Christians and others assembled in the Baptist Church, Bellasis Road, on Saturday, the 2nd instant, under the auspices of the Indian Christian Association, Bombay, to welcome the Rev. G. T. Ladd, D. D., L.L.D., Senior Professor of Psychology in Yale University, U. S. A. Mr. N. G. Welinker, M.A., LL.B., J. P., was in the chair. After a few remarks from the chair introducing the speaker

Dr. Ladd addressed the meeting. He said he considered it a privilege to address such a gathering of Indian Christians as were present there. He had always considered India as a mysterious and vast country. He could not say he had formed any impressions yet. He had spent only a few days in Bombay, and it was too soon to form any impressions of the land. He had been asked by the committee of the Association to address the meeting on the subject of "Christianity and Modern Thought." He would say, to begin with, that the subject was a large one and very vague. Christianity was supernatural and dealt with many phases that transcended thought and objects of thinking. Again, modern thinking was vast and very often conflicting and complex. No doubt, there was a good deal of sincerity and earnestness in it. But there was also a good deal of sham and a good deal that will not stand the test of time. The learned professor then proceeded to say that we ought to have a large conception of Christianity. Christianity should not be "identified" with any form of theology, although it is impossible to conceive of Christianity without the doctrines of theology. But what we have to bear in mind is that we should never identify Christianity with any system of theology.

Referring then to some of the doctrines of theology the speaker said that he did not think that modern thought or any thought whatever was going to modify the doctrine of theology representing God as a durable heavenly Father. Taking things largely modern thought is not undermining this doctrine. On the contrary it is in favour of it. Passing on to the doctrine that ran through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, representing God as Redeemer and as Saviour of mankind in the person of Jesus Christ our Lord, Dr. Ladd said that modern thought has not changed this doctrine of theology. No doubt some phases of modern thought are contesting and denying this doctrine, but he did not think that modern thought has essentially modified it.

It is true modern thought, scholarship and investigation have modified some ideas of the theology of the ancients.

Again, we must not identify Christianity with any Church. Prof. Ladd said he was always glad to say "I believe in the holy Catholic Church and the communion of the saints." He would emphatically say that we should not identify Christianity with any particular church. Christ belongs to all and God is father of all. The lecturer however did not wish that any thing he said should lessen our allegiance to any particular church or the enthusiasm for Christian labour in connection with it.

He then proceeded to say that the grandest of all conceptions was the conception of the kingdom of God. We must not identify Christianity with the triumph of our own particular way of thinking. We often find our ways of thinking sickening and dying. This is a hard test to our faith. There was also a good deal of false thinking in the world that passes for scientific thought. The temporary popularity of such ways of thinking does not prove that modern thought is undermining Christianity. These are sometimes hard trials to our faith, but it is our duty to take a loftier conception.

Proceeding to view the indirect results of Christianity, he considered it as the power that lifted up the lowly and brought down the proud from their pride. Christianity enlightened nations and favoured science and true learning. It gave freedom to the deserving and ameliorated those that were in distress. Considering Christianity in this light, he said modern thought in the next generation will only help Christianity. Every discovery of science and fruit of modern thought will build up the kingdom of God.

The lecturer said that he thought that the next century would not be characterized by a struggle between Christianity and thought. He did not mean, of course, that Christians would have no need *to think* in the 20th century. But what we meant was that the 20th century will be mostly sociological. There will be a demand in the church of God to solve great social problems, that have been long perplexing mankind. He should not be understood as saying that there would be no need of theologians and thinkers then. But in the next century men are going to ask the church of God to help people regarding social problems, to take hold of men practically, to help them morally and physically, to control the rich, to avert the laziness of the people, to dispel pride of caste and rank, to remove mental darkness and in short to bring about social salvation. That would characterize the 20th century. No doubt there will be good thinking and yea better thinking than in the 19th century. But there will be something more than that. The church would then have to take in hand the practical redemption of men.

In conclusion Dr. Ladd exhorted his hearers to apply what he had said regarding religion on to their daily conduct. It did not often make much difference what people thought. But it did make a difference what we are as practical Christians. There was the great question to be faced—"are we establishing the kingdom of God." He said that if he came to Bombay a 100 years hence he thought they would ask him to address them not on "Christianity and modern thought" but on "Christianity and modern Society."

Rev. S. V. Karmarkar, B.D., a graduate of Yale, in a few suitable words proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker.

THE HEALTH OF BOMBAY.

DR. T. S. WEIR, in his report for the third quarter of the present year on the health of Bombay, says:—

Exclusive of still-born, 7,816 deaths were registered during this quarter, equal to an annual death rate of 38·04 per 1,000, being 4,717 less than in the last quarter and 1,013 less than in the corresponding three months of the last year. Examining the statistics according to the place of birth we find that 3,200 persons, including still-born, were born in Bombay that 4,921 were born out of Bombay, and that the place of birth of 102 persons could not be ascertained.

The fever mortality is 179 less than in the corresponding period of the last year. Of the total deaths from fevers 735 were ascribed to remittent fever, being 202 less than in the last quarter and 135 less than in the corresponding quarter of the last year; 4 were due to simple continued fever, being 34 less than in the last quarter and 55 less than in the corresponding period of the last year; 19 were referred to ague, being 8 more than in the last quarter and 8 more than in the corresponding period of the last year; and 13 were ascribed to enteric fever, being 4 more than in the last quarter and 3 more than in the corresponding quarter of the last year. In all 771 deaths were referred to fevers.

The part played by one species of mosquito in Paludism has been established by the researches of Ross acting on the opinion of Prof. Manson. For a valuable and most interesting account of the agency of the mosquito in the conveyance of malarial fevers I would refer to the last report of the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, Director-General R. Harvey—as it is the fullest description I have seen. I believe the part played by at least one species of mosquito explains the reputation for fever of some of the bungalows situated in gardens in the suburbs. I have not seen, although I have carefully searched for it, the brindled mosquito on pools of water in gardens and near pools above the foreshore of Malabar Hill and in Dadar. The artificial ponds in the Victoria Gardens ought to afford a favourable position for investigation. I believe this is one explanation why some of the suburbs are more malarial than some of the localities in the crowded city. What now requires to be done is to map out the distribution of the species of mosquitoes to be found in the island. It occurs to me to suggest a grant to the Natural History Society for the investigation of this matter. The services of more than one observer will have to be enlisted to carry on observations over the island in the different seasons.

THE United States Ambassador has received from the Department of State at Washington a memorandum setting forth details of a peculiarly interesting competition in connection with the Paris Exhibition. Among the passengers on board the steamer La Bourgogne were a Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Pollok, of Washington. They were both drowned when that vessel sank after collision with the Cromartyshire, off Sable Island. The heirs of Mr. Pollok have decided to found a prize in his memory, to be known as the "Anthony Pollok Memorial Prize." The memorandum from the Department of State says:—"The prize is a donation of 100,000 frs., to be awarded to the inventor of the best apparatus for the saving of life in cases of maritime disaster, and is to be open to universal competition. This sum will be paid over to the successful competitor when a decision shall have been rendered by an appointed jury, and formally communicated to the Secretary of State of the United States through the Commissioner-General of the United States to the International Exposition of 1900." The jurors selected on behalf of the United States is Lieutenant William S. Sims, United States Navy, Naval Attache of the Embassy of the United States at Paris, who, it is stated, will furnish particulars as to entry and other details on receipt of application.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

SHOOTING AND FISHING.

FOOTBALL TOPICS.

LONDON, NOV. 17.

THE Tweed and some few other rivers still remain open for rod fishing, but owing to the frequent occurrence of floods very little sport was obtained last week. Autumn salmon fishing has special attractions as it has peculiar drawbacks of its own. Not least among the latter are the leaves which of late have been falling freely. Wrath may well possess the fisherman's soul when the fly swings neatly over the spot where he knows the salmon lie, and instead of the sullen pull of a good fish there comes a gentle pluck at the line as a wretched leaf ruffles the surface of the stream, disturbing the pool and rendering a capture improbable. A great advantage of the "back end" is that there are no kelts to excite hopes which end in disappointment. Every fish that lays hold of the fly is a proper trophy of the angler's skill so far as the law is concerned. Now and then you may chance on one which that fell scourge of the salmon tribe "Saprolegnia ferax" has marked for its own, and when this happens the fish should on no account be thrown back into the river, but carefully buried at some little distance from the bank. If it be merely covered up with stones and gravel at the brink of the stream the first flood will sweep it away, possibly to infect healthy salmon with the loathsome ailment. Of the causes which induce salmon disease we have as little accurate knowledge as of the special epidemic which attacks grouse, and in neither case is either cure or prevention possible. It is only within the last quarter of a century that "Saprolegnia ferax" has occurred so frequently. Disease unquestionably existed prior to that time, but there had been no outbreaks of any importance within the memory of the present generation. Universal drainage has probably been a predisposing cause. Nowadays rivers shrink to lower levels than they did in pre-drainage times and remain low for longer periods. When a number of salmon are congregated together in one pool, unable to escape, the conditions are favourable to an outbreak of disease, and if one fish be affected the probabilities are that the epidemic will run through the greater number.

To kill salmon with gun or rifle is unusual and, I believe, contrary to the laws of this country. Yet it may be done on occasion with advantage to the fisheries, and, regarded as sport, "salmon shooting" is not wanting in excitement. About the year 1882 there was a bad outbreak of disease in the Teith, and at the time the present writer was staying at a country house near the river. It was too low for angling, but in the course of a walk along the banks it was seldom that salmon disfigured by white patches of fungus were not observed. It occurred to us that a small-bore rifle might be used against them with effect, and the idea was at once put into execution. Some practice was required in order to hit the mark. Allowance had to be made for the refraction of the water, and the "effective range" was but short. Nevertheless several scores of diseased salmon were killed in this manner, and as the greater number were subsequently removed from the water there is no doubt that our efforts were beneficial. On one other occasion I have killed salmon both with gun and rifle, but not in this country. In the course of a shooting trip in British Columbia I stayed for a time at a ranch situated near Kamloops Lake. In the autumn the salmon invaded the lake in countless thousands, having ascended the long turbulent course of the Fraser River, a distance of over 200 miles from the Pacific Ocean. As winter approached the broad Thompson River, which flows into Lake Kamloops, shrank in volume and ran across the mud flats at the head of the lake in many different channels. Up these the salmon urged their way, often where there was not sufficient water to cover them, and sometimes forcing themselves high and dry on the mud in their eagerness to get forward. In these circumstances I have shot many a salmon, and it was astonishing how easy it was to miss an apparently easy mark when water had to be reckoned with. It was perhaps rather a wanton slaughter, the outcome of an idle time; but in those waters salmon are so plentiful as to be a positive nuisance. I have seen on Lake Kamloops floating islands of dead salmon formed of thousands of fish which had gradually drifted together. On one occasion an assemblage of this kind came near the ranch with an on-shore wind. So horrible was the pestilential smell that all hands turned out in every boat available, and, keeping well to windward, we forced the nauseous mass ashore and buried the fish to the best of our ability. The pigs, however, soon discovered the feast, and thereafter I fought shy of bacon in that neighbourhood.

Recent floods have cleared away the weeds and accumulated leaves, and anglers for coarse fish should find their skill better rewarded than it has been as yet this season. When the streams are swollen and discoloured legering in the lay-bys and eddies usually gives the best results, and as the waters clear and fine down bread-crust will prove a killing bait for large roach. Some remarkably fine specimens of roach and dace have been taken in southern waters recently. At Hertford two dace weighing respectively 1 1-4lb. and, 1lb. 0 1-4oz. were captured last month. The larger fish is believed to constitute a "record" in dace fishing, and it is certain that dace of this weight are exceedingly uncommon. A Thames angler had the good fortune to secure a couple of splendid roach—2lb. 6oz. and 2lb. 5oz.,—which will make a handsome pair when set up. From the river Bure, in Norfolk, a report comes that a huge roach scaling no less than 2lb. 13oz. has been captured. Jack have been running fairly well, but will come more freely to the angler's lures as the weather turns colder. Climatic conditions have been too stormy and unsettled for much success with the grayling, although a few have been creeled with worm and gentle. The autumn dun and red tag are useful patterns to put up when the streams settle sufficiently to admit of fly fishing. The future of the handsome rainbow trout in British waters is exciting considerable interest and attention in angling circles. *Salmo iridens* is well known to to be a free riser and to give capital sport at the end of a line. They are also said to grow rapidly, faster than ordinary brown trout, and to be non-cannibalistic in their habits. It is doubtful, however, if they are suited for introduction to running waters. Wherever they have been turned down they have shown a tendency to drop down stream, and if further experience conclusively convicts them of this habit it would clearly be useless to introduce them into swift-flowing rivers. They might perhaps thrive and remain in more sluggish streams. Lakes and reservoirs would seem to be the right *habitat* for rainbows, and they would show sport just at the time when the ordinary brown trort were losing condition. For *Salmo iridens* shares the habits of the grayling, spawning in the spring and being at its best from August until the end of the year. The presence of grayling is not considered desirable in good trout preserves. It is maintained that they bully the trout at the spawning period, and further that they devour the ova, and on the Test and Kennet all grayling that are landed are killed, whatever be their size. How far a similar objection applies to rainbow trout can only be ascertained by the test of practical experience. At present these sporting fish are on their trial.

All the important partridge drives have now been held, and with results that were decidedly more satisfactory than those obtained last year. At Sketchworth Park Lord Ellesmere and party (six guns) killed 236 brace in one day, but this bag was largely exceeded by Mr. Blyth and his friends at Eldom, in Essex. In two days nearly 1,000 brace were secured, the best day yielding 506 1-2 brace, which is the largest score reported this season. Ample stocks of partridges remain on the ground for breeding purposes, and if shooters are disappointed in some districts next season it will not be owing to scarcity of nests and eggs. Recent disclosures in the sporting press have proved beyond all possibility of doubt that the illegal traffic in game eggs has reached proportions of which few people had dreamed. It has been demonstrated that country gentlemen, shooting tenants, and gamekeepers in all parts of England and Wales buy eggs (chiefly those of partridges) in large quantities. Gamekeepers, it may be supposed, act according to orders, and if so cannot be held responsible, but it would be interesting to know how gentlemen and sportsmen who purchase game eggs from dealers of whom they know nothing justify their conduct. They cannot suppose that they are restocking their preserves from legitimate sources. They must be well aware that they are encouraging gipsies and loafing rascals of all kinds to trespass on partridge manors for the purpose of rifling nests—an employment which is altogether demoralising and may convert men who might otherwise go straight into habitual poachers and gaol-birds. It is sincerely to be hoped that proprietors and shooting tenants will abstain from buying game eggs in future, and also strictly enjoin their keepers to have no dealings of the kind. In some parts of the Eastern counties sport was almost ruined this season owing to the extensive depredations of the egg-stealing fraternity.

At the beginning of the season thirteen military clubs entered in the Aldershot League, and of these only three—2nd Lincolnshire, 2nd Gloucestershire, and 2nd Wiltshire—now remain in England, while the Gloucesters, it is expected, will shortly embark for the front, to take the place of their sister battalion, who are prisoners in the hands of the Boers. The same three battalions are also in the competition for the Eldershot Senior Cup. With the exception of a few friendly matches, football has practically been suspended since the outbreak of hostilities, but as a number of good football regiments, including the Army Cup-holders, the 1st South Lancashire Regiment, from Preston, are shortly expected at Aldershot, the advisability of renewing the competitions is to be considered.

Attention has previously been called to the large number of well-known footballers who are now with our forces at the front. It would appear that many prominent cricketers will also be in the fighting. Mr. F. W. Milligan, the Yorkshire county player, who writes enthusiastically of his superior officers, has a fine "skipper" in Captain Mac Lagan, 13th Hussars, an old Manchester and Chester officer, who has been reckoned the best polo player in the army, and has also figured in cricket and other games. Major-General the Hon. N. G. Lyttelton, Mrs. Gladstone's nephew, who will command the Light Infantry Brigade at the front, is one of the famous Lyttelton brothers, and keeps up the interest in cricket which he had in his Etonian days. He is, we believe, still a member of the I Zingari. Major R. M. Poore, the big hitter, is too well known for his Hampshire county work to need more than mention. The Major has previously seen active service in South Africa. He is a splendid swordsman, and was formerly aide-de-camp to the old Kent captain, Lord Harris. Lieutenant W. L. Foster, the Worcestershire county player, is already at the front, and Lieutenant-Colonel J. Spens, the Hants cricketer, is on the sea. The 2nd Leicestershire Regiment is included in the list of battalions issued on Saturday from which the second army corps will be formed. Should the corps go out, Lord Hawke's brother, the Hon. Harold Hawke, who played against the English team in the West Indies and South Africa, will be a company commandant.

There was a full programme in the Lancashire Senior Competition on Saturday, and for once in a way form came out pretty correctly. Undoubtedly the tit-bit of the day was the meeting of Oldham and Swinton. As the latter club had the benefit of playing at home, the locals had more than a sneaking regard for the "blues," but the superior finish of the Lancashire cracks enabled them to get home safely. Swinton played a good game, but had none the best of the luck. The elder Valentine once again showed his remarkable personality. By this victory Oldham have negotiated one of the stiffest fences in the tournament. Stockport appear to have pulled themselves together and fairly beat Rochdale Hornets. As the game took place at Rochdale the disappointment of the home contingent was great. Tyldesley's form of a week ago was evidently too good to last, as against the speedy men of Widnes they gave but an indifferent display, and added another reverse to their already long list of defeats. So far they can claim two records in the competition. One is they have had the most points scored against them, and the other is that they have lost more games than any other club in the competition.

A deal of surprise was exhibited when it was found the Northern Union had fined Hull Kingston Rovers £100 and suspended Sinclair until the end of April, 1902. The penalty certainly seems a severe one on the face of it, but there were many circumstances attached to the case of which the outside public have not been made aware. It was not simply a case of Sinclair having played without working, but the agreement between himself and the club bore evidence of not being a genuine document. Ink is at times a very deceptive liquid, and on this occasion it fairly gave the Rovers away. Their action throughout the whole matter was of a clumsy character. It was the most troublesome affair the Northern Union ever had to deal with, and the members of the Professional Sub-committee deserve great praise for the manner in which they have performed their duties. By this time it must surely have become known to the most reckless club officials that it is the intention to apply the professional laws in earnest. Hull Kingston Rovers have certainly not acquitted themselves with credit during their brief career in the Senior Competition, and they are not deserving of any pity.

An amusing description of the American football player and his little ways recently appeared in the *Athletic News*, and that paper now publishes a cutting from a paper printed in the French language at Montreal, wherein the Canadians are shown to be not one whit behind their neighbours in the art of getting rid of their opponents by means which are not recognised in the law of the game on this side of the hearing pond. List of "casualties:"

Ottawa vs. Kingston—12 sent off.
Ottawa College vs. Brockville—7 sent off.
Toronto vs. M'Gill—2 sent off.

But some of these slipped back while the referee was removing the dirt from his eyes, and thus took a mean advantage of him. Lacrosse seems to be pretty lively also, for in one match nine were sent off the field and two others hurt.

A case of considerable interest to cyclists came before the Sheffield County Court Judge on Thursday. The facts are as follows:—Charles H. Blackmore, a druggist, who deals with small shopkeepers, was calling on his customers on September 1st, and while visiting a shop in Neepsend-lane, left his machine at the side of the road, with the pedal resting on the pathway. During Blackmore's absence a youth, who was driving a cart, knocked the machine down, and ran over both wheels, making a pretty mess of the bicycle. Blackmore claimed £7 15s., the amount paid for the machine last August, or £4 the estimated cost for repairs—the damage. The defence set up was that the vibration caused by the heavy traffic on the road at the time shook the machine, which lost its balance, and fell into the road under the wheels of the passing cart. Mr. A. Muir Wilson acted for the plaintiff, and kept an eye on several points on behalf of the N.C.U. The chief point for cyclists was whether a cyclist had a right to recover damages if his machine was damaged while left resting on the pedal at the edge of the pathway. His Honour Judge Waddy said that to leave a wobbly thing like a bicycle propped up in that fashion, when a gust of wind, a child, a dog, or almost anything might knock it down, and cause damage, was contributory negligence, and bicycles ought not to be left in this dangerous position. Certainly on these grounds there was no right to recover, but on the same lines that a driver must not run over a drunken man, although the latter may be all over the road, the cyclist was entitled to recover something, as the driver of the cart had not taken sufficient precaution to avoid the accident. The £4 to repair included 10s. for re-plating, but his Honour considered the plating had not been damaged by the cart, and he therefore gave judgment for £3 10s with the usual costs.

AT six o'clock this morning (Nov. 17) half a dozen enthusiastic playgoers, three of them being ladies, had taken up positions at the gallery entrance to Mr. Wyndham's new theatre, in the West End, and, armed with camp stools and wraps, proceeded to make themselves as comfortable as a heavy frost and fog would permit. Huddled together and with chattering teeth, they congratulated one another on being first in the field and thus being certain of securing, at any rate, standing room on an occasion that must, in years to come, be looked back upon as historic. Seven o'clock came, and some refreshments were partaken of, after which the sextet waited patiently for the darkness to disappear. When brightness had set in the enthusiasts produced a pack of cards, with which to while away the weary hours, and in this way amused themselves, but not without some banter being indulged in by passing toilers.

EDGAR SMITH, a stage carpenter, aged 30, who, on September 7 last, cut the throat of Martha Appleyard at West Ham and was sentenced to death by Mr. Justice Channell at the last sessions of the Central Criminal Court, has been respited and sent to penal servitude for life.

AT THE FRONT.

OUR OFFICERS' UNIFORMS.

THE West End military outfitters have doubtless noted with interest an item in the latest telegrams from the front stating that the officers' kits were lost in the evacuation of Dundee by General Yule's forces.

These experts will be aware, however, that apart from the temporary inconvenience the loss is hardly worth talking about, for an officer is only allowed 200 lb. of baggage at the base, and a simple valise accompanies him to the front. So that in all probability when the column reached Ladysmith the wardrobe question had, for the time being, ceased to be troublesome.

A British officer, whether mounted or on foot, is almost invariably in the popular eye either, an exquisite or a hero, and some of the delusions with reference to his outfit do great credit to the general belief in the vastness of his possessions. A respectable-looking crowd of citizens, who had assembled to witness the march of a regiment of Hussars—the 10th or the 13th, I forget which—was assured with every appearance of seriousness by one of its number that the eyes in the tiger's back flopping on the shoulders of the officers' chargers were diamonds of the purest water. Each of the eyes was as big as the Kohi-noor. Yet the man was simplicidly believed. We know, too, that a lieutenant in a Highland regiment is gazed at open-mouthed by the humbler classes as a marching Golconda, flashing jewels in brooch and dirk and skean-dhu, and if it is not concluded that he goes on a campaign supposed that in order to be so arrayed in so expensive a fashion it is safety as the valuables—as much for his own family chattels, irs—are deposited in the strongbox in the lustre until the au, where they remain in undimmed be, to decorate taken out, after the lapse of years may thrice happy e once more the gallant soldier on the promised bride morn when he returns to claim his say that we are not a highly imaginative people?

The literal truth is that the War Office prescribes the uniform, bonnet, sporran, belt and boots, &c., and that the fastidious warrior must confine his efforts at adornment strictly within the limits of the regulations. What he should wear is defined to the last button of his gloves; what he can wear depends to a large extent upon his distance from the base in a campaign, and the exigencies of campaigning, and if it does not absolutely depend altogether upon these two conditions the reason is that nowadays he is only restricted in khaki, which is cotton stuff, and which will wash, and what is more will wash in water of any degree of muddiness that is not black, and can be patched, and muddiness that is not black, and can be patched, and worn up to, or rather down to, a certain moderate stage of disreputable lookingness beyond which it won't go, till it is laid aside in tatters.

THE UNIVERSAL KHAKI.

Khaki means humanity in warfare. Look at the pictures of our officers down even past the Mutiny days. In the case of the private soldier the reform is even more signal, and with the thoughts of that march from Dundee to Ladysmith fresh in mind, a perusal of what happened on the roadsides and in the fields along the line of Sir John Moore's recreat to Corunna staggers the intellect. The other advantages of the uniform are not overlooked—advantages which in the case of kilted regiments, might be extended by dispensing with the sporran, which in the late engagements helped the Boer sharpshooters—and among these is to be counted its cheapness. The stalwart subaltern who hurries into his outfitter's to ask what can be done in little more than two days has in all probability enough, in such emergency, to do with his money, and finds the question of ways and means very much simplified when on going into details he discovers that all he needs is, say, a helmet, a couple of khaki suits, a fatigue cap, pistol, whistle, and one or two odds and ends easily got together. The constant tendency of reform ever since the abolition of the purchase system has been to cut down the expense of uniforms, and the whole movement under Lord Wolseley's administration has been in the same direction. It will be assumed that the fashionable London tailors have been and are extremely busy in consequence of so many officers leaving for South Africa. They are still busy, but not so much as might at first thought be imagined. The rush still continues, but "they are not taking much with them," and the trade has been more stimulated upon some notable occasions in recent years, when England might be said to be at peace with the world. The harvest is when new uniforms are being ordered in any great number. These involve a considerable outlay, but hardly as much as is generally thought. There are one or two circumstances connected with this question of the price of uniforms which are worth mentioning.

HOW THE BILLS FIGURE OUT.

If any one in the crowd that daily assembles in Whitehall to see the guard relieved were asked what branch of the service he considered most richly uniformed, so far as the officers were concerned, he is almost certain to say "The Life Guards." He may hesitate between red and blue. But he will say "The Life Guards." Yet if cost be the criterion, he is mistaken. The cuirass—burnished so that it flashes the sun's rays like a mirror—which the gigantic horsemen wear so bravely is not an expensive article, and it is the cuirass mainly that inspired the opinion of our chance acquaintance—that, of course, and the blaze of primary colours which is the common Guardsman's glory, and the big black horse, and the huge stature of the Guardsman himself. So that he will be surprised when he is told that the dashing Hussar dress costs more, and his feeling may receive a shock if he hears it added that it is a much handsomer uniform into the bargain, although that of course, is a mere matter of taste which one may be left to decide for himself. The Hussar is the most expensively dressed cavalry officer. His full-dress uniform as he appears on parade costs not less than £65, a good deal of which goes in the heavy gold lace with which his tunic is slashed. Your Guardsman pays a few pounds less, and neither the dashing Dragoon nor the brilliant Lancer finds his outfit placed quite so high in the list of prices. These figures are, of course, merely those of the single suit, so to speak—the full-dress parade uniform. Yet they are all topped by the outlay necessary before a kilted officer at the head of a company can salute his commanding officer. Hardly any one will be surprised at that being so when the elaborateness of the costume is considered. The uniforms of the officers of the Black Watch, who, many think, have the prettiest tartan, cost close upon £70 each; but save for the hackel, a small red plume of which they are most properly proud, and which they have been allowed to transfer from their bonnet-plumes to their khaki-covered foreign service helmets, there is nothing, to the non-professional eye, to distinguish them when they wear the greatcoat from other Scottish corps indeed, one might almost say from other infantry. To complete the list it may be added that the full-dress uniform of an officer in a line regiment runs up to about £30. When a young gentleman first joins a Highland regiment his outfitter's bills tot to about £120; in the Hussars it is more, so also in the Life Guards (no account is taken in these figures of the cavalry mounts, saddlery, &c.); in the Lancers it is something less. Considerable as these figures appear they are very much under the sums officers were required to disburse twenty-five years ago. At that time there was more show, and the cost was at least a third more. The change, too, has been very noticeable in Staff uniforms, which do not display anything like the same amount of gold lace. Of course, officers on active service take their complete military outfit with them, but the dress-suits are safely packed and left behind at the base, while the khaki clad soldier goes to the front to bear exposure under hot sun, or to march in drenching rains as at Dundee, glad in the one case that he has so little to carry on his back, and in the other thanking Heaven that if khaki is easily wet through it is also easily dried, and relieved at all events of the certainty of having, in addition to other miseries, to deplore the ruin of a costly uniform.

LUCKNOW POLO TOURNAMENT.

FINAL TIE.

THE final tie in the Lucknow Polo Tournament for the Cup presented jointly by the Race Stand and subscriptions was played off on Friday afternoon in the presence of a very large assembly, including General and Lady Jennings, General and Lady Gerald, and Lady Sandhurst. The two teams each had a large number of supporters, who keenly watched the play and anxiously noted the scoring. The teams were well matched, and if there was any distinction to be drawn it was that the Gunners were the more pow

PLAGUE ADMINISTRATION IN KOLHAPUR.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—Plague continues in Kolhapur. Ten to fifteen cases occur daily—a relatively small number when compared with epidemics in other places of equal population. It was prophesied that an outbreak of plague in Kolhapur would develop an alarming mortality in a very short time, but such does not seem to have been the case. The epidemic in some other towns of the Southern Maratha Country has been four times as severe. There is a restful feeling now among the people, the fear of peremptory transportation to Shirol Road quarantine having disappeared. The Durbar has seen the wisdom and necessity of a camp near at hand. It is not an easy matter to completely evacuate a city, the size of Kolhapur. It certainly is not possible without inflicting very severe hardship on a large number of poor people. Still about two-thirds of the city are outside or have gone to other villages. Mostly all the suitable camping places around the city have been occupied. The kindly visits of the Maharaja to the city have inspired the people with confidence and have done much to allay fear. His Highness now resides at Panhala and makes almost daily visits to the city. He frequently visits the plague hospital and segregation camp. The people in the camp are always cheered by his Highness' visits. The plague hospital under the management of the Durbar surgeon is well situated, healthy, and arranged with a view to good sanitation and the comforts of the plague-stricken families. The patients are comfortable and effectually looked after. There is one feature of Kolhapur plague measures which now seems superfluous, viz., the Shirol quarantine camp. A considerable number of villages are infected between Shirol and Kolhapur, also to the north and south of the city. Under these circumstances and with plague already in Kolhapur City the maintenance of this camp seems a needless waste of money—money which if it were now used for famine relief could be made to accomplish some real good. Of course there are many uninfected villages in the Kolhapur State, west of Shirol, but these could be left to protect themselves against the entrance of infected persons which, as a matter of fact they have to do in spite of the Shirol quarantine since people from adjacent States are now able to cross the river unmolested. To prevent them would require a cordon, many miles in length. The occasion for this quarantine camp, which undoubtedly has done good in the past, now no longer exists. The people are therefore looking to the Durbar to take the initiative in its removal. The Political Agent cannot surely now object to such a course. Measures for famine relief are proceeding in different parts of the State.

TELEGRAPHIC WEATHER AND CROP REPORTS.

4TH DECEMBER.

PUNJAB.

Amritsar—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops. Rabi crop prospects not at all good.

Ferozepore—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally.

Mooltan—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed general for rabi crops very soon.

N.-W. PROVINCES.

Delhi—Bright, no sign of rain. Wheat requires rain.

Agra—Bright no sign of rain. Cotton picking partially begun.

Cawnpore—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally.

RAJPUTANA.

Beawar—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities.

BERAR.

Amraoti—Seasonable. Rabi crops failed.

Khamgaon—Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities.

KHANDESH.

Dhulia—Bright, no sign of rain. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton arriving in small quantities. All crops suffering from too little rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Jalgaon—Bright, no sign of rain; cold; little cloudy. Rabi not sown.

AHMEDABAD AND KATHIAWAR.

Viramgam—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally. Mornings cold and dewy. Absence of rain causes anxiety.

Wadhwan—Bright, no sign of rain. No further rain expected. Crops disappointing. Absence of rain, causes anxiety.

Dholera—Mornings cold. Famine prevailed. No rain no crop.

Bhavnagar—Bright, no sign of rain. No further rain expected. Absence of rain causes anxiety.

SHOLAPUR.

Barsi—Seasonable. Mornings cold and dewy. Cotton picking general and arriving in small quantities. Cotton early arrivals will show black leaf. Food-grains suffering from want of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

Sholapur—Bright, no sign of rain. Rain much needed generally for rabi crops.

MADRAS.

Bellary—Bright, no sign of rain. All crops suffering from too little rain.

BOMBAY FIRST EXTRA MEETING.

1st Entries closed on Monday 4th December at 7 p.m.

The Colonist.—Distance 5 furlongs.
Mr. Joe Kendall's b aus m Alma.
Mr. Townsend's b aus g Spark.
Messrs. Tulloch and Allan's ch aus g Terapore.
Mr. P. F. Fischer's, b aus g Atlas Moth.
Mr. J. Hormusjee's, b aus g Dabin.
The Maiden Plate.—Distance 6 furlongs.
Mr. A. R. Amer's ch a h Defender.
Mr. S. S. W's, ch a h Sham.
Messrs. G. K. & D. D's, ch c b m Karnataky.
Messrs. Mathuradass Goculdass and Anandjee Nanjee's ch a h Alert.
The December Stakes.—Distance—6 furlongs.
Mr. Ali bin Amir's, g a h Bonaparte.
Mr. Moochool Shah's b a g Pilgrim.
Mr. Fischer's ch a h Governor.
Messrs. G. K. and S. D.'s ch a h Muktar.
Messrs. Mathuradass Goculdass and Ananjee Nanjee's b a h Nobleman.
The New Stakes.—Distance—5 furlongs.
Mr. Goolam Hossein Essajee's g a h Bismillah.
Mr. Milward's g a h Thunder.
Mr. Thomas's b a h Kelwa.
Mr. S. A. W.'s, b a h Advance.
Mr. B. A. Sarur's, bs a h Bismark.
The Novice Stakes.—Distance 1-2 mile.
Mr. A. R. Amer's, b a h Inventor.
Mr. Conraye's, ch a h Snippet.
Mr. B's, g a g Twilight.
Mr. S. A. W's, b a h Advance.
Auction Stakes.—Distance 1-2 mile.
Captain Young's, g a g Electrice.
Captain Young's, b c b m My Fancy.
Mr. Moochool Shah's b a g Pilgrim.
Mr. Milward's g a h Thunder.
Mr. Thomas's b a h Kelwa.
Captain Pagets, g a h Sachim.
Mr. Temoojee Dossabhoy Parelwalla's, g a h Pretty Polly.
Mr. S. A. W's, b a h Gift.
The Gymkhana Stakes.—14 hands to carry 11st. 7lbs. W. I. Distance 1-2 mile.
Mr. J Mollisons ch c b g Sandy.
Captain Young's g a g Electric.
Captain Young's b c b m My Fancy.
Mr. Moochool Shah's b a g Pilgrim.
Mr. Milward's g a h Thunder.
Mr. B's g a g Twilight.
Mr. P F Fischer's ch a h Hurlingham.
Second Entries close on Tuesday 5th December at 7 p. m.

CECIL GRAY, Secretary W. I. T. C.

SOME TRAITS OF BRITISH OFFICERS.

OFFICERS, over and above their legitimate business, are, says *To-Day*, constantly engaged in "side shows." When there is anything "on" anywhere within reach and they can get leave, they go straight to see the fun. The present Commander-in-Chief, when on the Staff in Canada joined General Lee, and saw a lot of work with the Southern army. A year or two back one of our war-correspondents came across a young gentleman of military aspect riding a ragged pony in the rear of the Turkish army. "Who are you?" he asked. "So-and-So, of the——th, from Malta. Got a little leave and came on here." At the moment the defence of both Kimberley and Mafeking is strengthened by the presence of a number of British officers who have no official reasons for being there.

The spirit of adventure crops up in other ways. The military officers is the most indefatigable sportsman alive. If he can afford it, he will organize expeditions to wild lands after big game; if not, he will shoot cats; if he cannot hunt the fox he will harss, and at worst pariah dogs. He is indefatigable at games, and carries them about with him wherever he goes. When Russia annexed Port Arthur she fortified it; when we got Wei-hai-wei we laid out a cricket pitch. There will be polo playing at Ladysmith to-morrow or next day if the Boers do not call another truce, and if the polo ponies have not all been wanted for transport work. Whatever there is to do, the British officer will do it with the same cheery energy, the same self-sacrificing, unquestioning heartiness, all over the world.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM"—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

THE FAR EAST.

GENERAL NEWS.

THE campaign in the Philippines has been opened with renewed vigour, and at the end of last week Aguinaldo's headquarters fell into the hands of the American cavalry. General Lawton marched with the flower of the American troops to Tarlac expecting to meet Aguinaldo there in force and to fight the great battle of the campaign. At the same time another expedition under General Wheaton marched north along the line of railway to Dagupan, and there the warship *Oregon* was to co-operate with the troops. At both places, Tarlac and Dagupan, no traces of the enemy could be found, so General Lawton has occupied Tarlac and arranged for his column to move northward in a fanshape formation and scour the country in search of the enemy.—There are some ugly rumours afloat regarding the prospect of war between Russia and Japan over the Masampo affair. Russia has been for sometime at loggerheads with Japan. Russia opposed the scheme of an alliance between China and Japan, although it is stated that there is some understanding existing between the two countries. The employment of Mr. Yano, late Japanese Minister to China as adviser to the Peking Government was frustrated by Russia's protest, and Russia has further objected to the sending of more young Chinese to study in Japan and the engagement of Japanese to assist in the reconstruction of China's army, navy, etc.—A progressive decree was issued from the Palace on October 21 urging the increased study by Chinese students at foreign legations of agriculture, commerce and mineralogy.—On 9th November a very severe typhoon passed over Haiphong doing great damage to the shipping on the river.—The U.S. cruiser Charleston has gone ashore on an unchartered rock off the coast of North Luzon. The whole of the crew is reported to have been saved. The stern of the cruiser is out of the water while the stern is not wholly submerged. Arrangements are being made for the despatch of a salvage party from Hongkong.—Nov. 18.

DARING PIRACY ON THE WEST RIVER.

A CASE of gross piracy was reported on Nov. 13 on the arrival from Wuchow of the British steam-launch Cheong Kong. The voyage from Wuchow to Kumchuck was without incident, but shortly after four o'clock on Sunday afternoon, shortly after leaving Kumchuck, the crew commenced to search the passengers for arms. A number of pirates who have boarded as passengers produced revolvers and assuming a threatening attitude the crew were overawed, and the master, who resisted the ruffians, was wounded. The robbers then ransacked the passengers' luggage, collected everything of value on the steamer and compelled the master to steam to Cha Tau San, where they landed their plunder. The launch was then used to make an attack on a junk towed by a steam-launch. After some firing between the people on the launch and the pirates, the launch cast off her tow and she steamed away, leaving the junk to the pirates mercy. The junk was boarded and seventeen cases of opium and a box of coins valued at about dols. 2,000 was obtained. The pirates ordered the launch to steam back to Cha Tau San, where they landed the spoils, and allowed the Cheong Kong to come on to Hongkong. Possibly our authorities will give us some inkling as to where this iniquity is to end.

MISSIONARY LADY'S CURIOUS CHOICE.

A MATTER which excited considerable consternation in missionary circles at Canton is now the subject of much talk in the Colony from the fact that the parties concerned have arrived in Hongkong and are making strenuous efforts to effect the purpose desired. It appears that a talented missionary lady who has been officiating in Canton for several years has lately become greatly enamoured of her Chinese cook, and despite the efforts of her friends to avert such an ill assorted union has declared her emphatic intention of marrying the Celestial. The lady's name is Dr. Susan L. Halverson, and she is about thirty-six years of age. She was a member of the United Brethren in Christ, but having refused to give up all idea of marrying her cook she has recently been compelled to resign from the body. She was born in Gosian, Iowa, and she is well educated and a lady of considerable refinement. The Chinaman for whom she has declared such an infatuation is named A. Tsun, and has been for some time in her employ as a cook. He is about twenty-three years of age and belongs to the coolie class. He is thoroughly uneducated and a rather repulsive in looks. Baulked in their efforts to obtain the services of any clergyman in Canton celebrate the union, the lady and the coolie have come down to Hongkong to endeavour to obtain the assistance of the Registrar-General. The Chinaman has twice applied to the Registrar-General to have the marriage celebrated, and has been on both occasions refused permission. Yesterday the lady applied in person to the Registrar-General, but the request was not granted. Some years ago Miss Halverson and another lady were mobbed in the streets of Honam, and it is feared that the injuries she then sustained have done her permanent injury.—*China Mail*, Nov. 16.

DARING BURGLARY AT AMOY.

A MOST daring robbery or burglary was committed recently at Amoy, by six men who entered the shop of one Khiaw Boh, in Buh-kkia-koi Street and carried off with them four chests of opium and a large sum of money, the booty being valued at about four thousand five hundred dollars. There was a theatrical performance proceeding in the same street and the burglars waited until this was over before breaking open the shop door. They found two fokis asleep in the shop, and, having bound and gagged them with their own coverlet placed a heavy desk upon them to keep them quiet. A third employee of the house, seeing the thieves, attacked them with a pole, but was cut about the face, the thieves then making off with the opium and money. The men are supposed to be discharged Honanese soldiers who are without employment. A reward has been offered by the burgled shop for the identification and arrest of the thieves. The wounded foki has succumbed to his injuries.—*Hong Kong Telegraph*.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLONIAL BANK.

TOKYO, OCT. 27.

THE establishment of a Bank, for the purpose of giving encouragement to the development of trade in the Hokkaido, has progressed so far that the Government has consented to subscribe Y 1,000,000 towards the capital. Of this, Y 250,000, the first instalment, will be defrayed out of the extraordinary expenditure for the present fiscal year, and a Bill to that effect will be submitted to the Diet. Applications for the allotment of shares will be received from the 10th up to the 30th proximo, when the list will be closed. The payments on allotments are due by the 25th of January next. When the Formosan Bank was established, payment on shares had to be made to an office specially created in the Finance Department. This arrangement was attended with some inconvenience, and this time the Government is determined not to handicap intending subscribers by a similar arrangement. The Tokyo Banks will probably take up Y 1,500,000 of the capital, while the Osaka and Kyoto banks will subscribe from Y300,000 to Y 400 000. The total capital of the Bank is put down at Y 3,000,000.—*Kobe Chron.*

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 3rd December, 1899.

Means of observations taken at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dec. Fah.	inches 29·897
Temperature of the Air	degrees 78·9
Wet Bulb Thermometer	68·6
Dew Point	63·4
Relative humidity of Air	0·603
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	0·6
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees 86·7
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.)	71·0
General Direction of wind	NNE, NE, E. WNW, NNE.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours	miles 146

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS
Director, Government Observatory.

THERMOMETER READINGS

SUNDAY, NIGHT.—DECEMBER 3.

10 p.m. ..... 75·6

MONDAY.—DECEMBER 4.

6 a.m.	73·9
10 a.m.	77·1
2 p.m.	81·3
4 p.m.	81·4

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AUXILIARY PRODUCTS: COFFEE.

Now that tea planters in North East India are turning their attention to other products to supplement the profits from their staple, it may be of some service to state the experience of South Indian planters who have always given much attention to these products. The first to be noticed viz., coffee, is or was till lately the staple of South India plantations, and it is rather curious to find tea planters turning their attention to coffee at the very time coffee planters here are turning their attention to tea. There are, of course, many very successful coffee districts still to be found in Southern India, but Travancore has become mainly a tea district, a good deal of tea is being planted in the Wynaad, and a commencement has been made in Coorg. There is far more risk attending the cultivation of coffee than of tea, but when coffee succeeds, it pays as only products, which cannot be grown, save under exceptional conditions, do pay. This refers, of course, to periods of normal prices. At prices ruling this year, it is doubtful if even the best estates do more than pay their way. But with products like coffee, which are liable to violent fluctuations in price, and take three or four years to come into bearing, a period of low prices is the best time to open. It is said leaf disease is unknown in Sylhet, and coffee should, therefore, do well there, if other conditions are favourable. It may be doubted, however, if a scourge, which afflicts such widely scattered countries as Java, Ceylon, and South India, where it has exterminated whole districts, will not appear in North India, if coffee is opened on any scale. Should it appear, the best preventive against it assuming formidable dimensions is a light rainfall, well distributed over eight or nine months of the year, and varying from 70 to 140 inches per annum, with an unbroken drought of three to four months every year to kill leaf disease and ripen the bearing wood. The other great scourge in South India is the borer, which has been known to kill out whole estates. The remedy against this is to grow coffee under shade, and in districts, where borer is very prevalent, all the trees attacked are uprooted and burnt, and the vacancies carefully replanted. The best trees for shade are Jack (*Artocarpus integrifolia*), the numerous species of Indian Fig, and Silver Oak (*Grevillea robusta*). Some indigenous trees make good shade. Some are so bad they have to be carefully uprooted, and many planters prefer to destroy all natural shade, and plant their own. The shade should not be all of one sort, but is best of different kinds mixed up. Coffee in South India cannot be grown on a large scale to pay, except on virgin land of the best quality. This may be either bamboo, or primeval forest. Some of the best plantation were formed of primeval forest on mountain slopes at an elevation of 3,500 to 5,000 feet, the soil of which consisted of rich dark mould mixed with large and small rocks. Others were made out of bamboo forest, at an elevation of 3,000 to 3,500 feet on the plateau some distance inside the Western Ghauts, the soil of which was a stiff loam free from stones. It is in the latter borer is most dreaded, and coffee cannot be grown except under a continuous, but light, cover of shade. All the best estates in both kinds of land are steadily manured, partly to counteract leaf disease, and partly because no land, however rich originally, will continue to crop well for any length of time without manure. The last and, perhaps, the most important requisite for success in coffee planting is that the annual drought alluded to above shall be followed by regular blossoming showers. These depend entirely on local conditions, and are secured in South India by the situation of the plantations on the inner slopes of the Western Ghauts, or on the plateau between the heated centre of the peninsula and the mountain range near the sea. The clouds form up about noon some distance from the inland slopes of the mountains, and advancing towards them in the face of the sea breeze, drop their showers on the mountains and on the plateau lying at their feet. The neighbourhood of a prominent mountain peak often secures regular showers for the plantations around it, while plantations near less prominent portions of the range often have the showers drawn away from them, and have had to be abandoned on account of the frequent failure of crop for want of timely rain. The writer has seen a fine blossom spike knocked off unopened by too late rain and lying on the ground like so much raw rice, because the bud had perished from drought before the rain came.

The cost of opening coffee may be reckoned as rather less than that of tea, being about Rs. 300 an acre, though it has often been done for Rs. 200 an acre. All depends on the style of opening and the class of buildings and machinery. The latter are not nearly so expensive as for tea, and, at first, may be of a very inexpensive nature. The cost of cultivation varies from Rs. 100 to Rs. 150 an acre a year, though some planters spend as much as Rs. 250 an acre, chiefly in heavy manuring, with of course proportionately heavy crops. Good estates give an average of 3 to 7 cwts. per acre, though occasional crops of 10 or more cwts. per acre are not uncommon. On other hand, owing to the ravages of leaf-disease, many estates do not average over 1 1-2 to 2 cwts., and these are going into tea, or are being supplemented by chinchona and pepper. Liberian coffee has been extensively tried in South India, but has failed owing to the prolonged droughts. It requires rain in every month of the year, and does well in such a climate as the Straits at almost sea-level. A hybrid between Arabian and Liberian has, however, been established, which promises to resist both leaf disease and drought. Great things are hoped of this on account of its marvellously vigorous growth and heavy cropping powers. The experiment is yet in its infancy, but hybrid seeds are being offered for sale early next year for the first time.—*Capital.*

THE BIG PRIZE TURKEY.

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS, BOB," said Scrooge, with an earnestness that could not be mistaken, as he clapped him on the back, "A merrier Christmas, my good fellow, than I have given you for many a year. I'll raise your salary, and we will discuss your affairs this afternoon over a bowl of smoking bishop. Make up the fires and buy another coal scuttle, Bob Cratchit."

And as to the big prize turkey which the regenerated Scrooge sent to Camden Town, do we not all know what sort of bird it was? That turkey never could have stood upon its legs, Mr. Dickens says. They must have snapped short off like sticks of sealing wax. How they managed to cook and eat that phenomenon the author doesn't say, as it was twice the size of Tiny Tim. Yet they did it some how and it was a mercy if the family (previously half starved) didn't all fall ill of the unwonted gorging of that wonderful Christmas day.

Even assuming (as we easily may) that the transmutation of an old skinflint like Scrooge into a high priest of charity was quiet beyond the common run of modern miracles, and that dinners from such sources are as rare as they are welcome, it still remains true that human nature is apt to beat its best at Christmas, especially in England, where, of all countries in Christendom, most is made of that gentle and kindly holiday.

Yet, sad to tell, the very jollity and generosity of Christmas leads to regretable excesses. People eat and drink too much, and suffer accordingly. The roast and the boiled, the mince pies, the plum puddings, the tremendous flushings of wine, beer, and other beverages, these things overload the stomach and give the digestion more work than it can do, and punishment follows. For Nature has no favourites; she treats those who violate her laws on the 25th December exactly as though they had committed the offence on the first Monday in August.

And as to the chronic dyspeptics, of whom there are enough in this old island to cram all the parks in London, *they* catch it fearfully about Christmas-time. For, in spite of all warnings, they *will* go in for heavy meals and take the chances. Often the penalty is an acute attack which may threaten life, and nearly always weeks of pain and digestive disorders, whereof there are as many kinds as the body has organs and functions.

To them Christmas may be "merry" for an hour or two; then their merriment turns into misery, as October fogs and rains succeed a hot summer.

Now the writer is far from advising a free indulgence in the gustatory and bibulous festivities of the country's most popular holiday, but there is no use protesting against the effort of the people to enjoy themselves on that occasion. The customs and traditions of centuries are behind it, and you might as well whistle in the teeth of a north-east gale.

As a prophylactic and a cure for the evils alluded to, I can only recommend the universal use of Mother Seigel's Syrup, known to all as the best stimulant and digestant in the world.

In a letter dated January 10, 1899, a gentleman of Birminzbam, who loves the pleasures of the table, and has money enough to buy whatever he wants, writes thus:—"It is only fair that I should thank you, as I do with all my heart, for the good done me by Mother Seigel's Syrup. For years I have been vexed with indigestion, and always had a tormenting spell of it after any public banquet or uncommon intake of rich food. Still, I was seldom able to resist temptation, although I understood perfectly well what that yielding to it was sure to cost me. I have sought it preventive or a cure in vain at the hands of the best physicians, all of whom assured me that there was but one way, namely, to live on a low diet, and let luxuries alone.

"But this did not suit me, and I broke through the regulations frequently, with the inevitable result. However, when I began to use Mother Seigel's Syrup I had (almost) a license to do as I pleased. After an inviting but most risky dinner last Christmas I took a double dose of 'Mother Seigel,' and scarcely suffered at all. I told my experience, and a dozen friends adopted this amazing remedy right off. I am convinced that, with a little caution, and a dose of Mother Seigel's Syrup now and then, "one may bid defiance to dyspepsia" and the abominable ailments it sets up. Thanking you a thousand times, I am, yours truly, John Macfarlane."

With these facts we wish a merry (and a *healthy*) Christmas to the British people.

INDIAN TELEGRAPHIC RATES.

It is to be feared that with public attention at Home concentrated upon the war in South Africa, such matters as the reduction of telegraph-rates to the East will be shelved indefinitely. And yet the war itself has furnished strong arguments for those who protest against the cable-companies and their methods of doing business. On November 7 Sir Edward Sassoon, M. P., Chairman of the Imperial Telegraph Committee in the House of Commons, addressed the Folkestone Chamber of Commerce on the subject. He pointed out that the solitary cable from Delagoa Bay to Mozambique had again broken down at a critical turn of affairs in Natal, and he quoted some figures showing how badly both the Government and the public had been served by the Eastern Telegraph group of monopolists. The cable was originally laid during the Zulu War of 1879, in consideration of substantial aid given by Government; and although the proprietary Company had since received State assistance amounting to £ 1,300,000, they had not fulfilled their clear duty of duplicating the cable. Considering the anxiety felt throughout England for the rapid transmission of news from Natal a case seems here to have been made out for strict inquiry into the responsibilities incurred by the Company. Last summer, the Eastern group sent a deputation to wait upon Mr. Chamberlain, their object being to prove that the Companies were admirably managed in the public interest; but the Secretary of State for the Colonies caustically remarked that, given any crisis in South Africa, their cables always seemed to break down. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, on the same occasion, referred to the claims made upon the Treasury from time to time by the cable-companies. Perhaps these two Ministers may hereafter willingly lend their aid to Mr. Henniker Heaton in his new crusade against the Companies.

Sir Edward Sassoon also hammered away at the question of rates between England and India; we are familiar enough with the details in this country, but it takes a long time to make the British public understand the points of the case. And yet anyone should be able to grasp such a simple fact as the inequality of the charges levied on sections of the route between London and Karachi. From London to Fao, at the head of the Persian Gulf, or two-thirds of the total distance, the charge is 6½*d.* per word; from Fao to Karachi it is just a half-penny under 3-6*d.* per word. Nearer home, where there is danger of competition, the tariffs are twelve times cheaper. Thus a message can be sent from England to Gibraltar at 3 1-2*d.* per word, and yet the cable is about the same length as that from Fao to Karachi. Sir Edward Sassoon noticed the success gained by the Eastern Telegraph Company in checking the laying of foreign cables in the Black Sea, which would have improved telegraphic communication with India; and he went on to say:—"It has been bruited about that the Indian Government, through their representatives here, are carrying on negotiations for a reduction of rates on the basis of the grant of a subsidy to those Companies. . . . Are we then, forsooth, to understand that no abatement of rates can be obtained without the imposition of fresh burdens on the community; and, what is still more obnoxious, the conclusion of an agreement for a long period which may confirm the monopoly against which we now protests." It is, we believe, quite true that such an arrangement is contemplated, and that a reduction of the tariff may have to be purchased in the first instance by subsidies taken from Indian revenues; but it does not necessarily follow that these subsidies will be permanent. An arrangement should be possible under which they might be granted on a sliding-scale, gradually decreasing until the vanishing point was reached, the annual earnings of the Company governing the reduction. It had been hoped that the Companies would consent to a cheaper tariff being introduced, trusting to the growth of traffic to compensate them eventually for immediate losses, particularly as the Eastern Telegraph Company reaps great advantages from the joint-purse arrangement on the Indo-European line; but this desirable solution of the question is now considered impossible. When the Viceroy's Legislative Council reassembles in Calcutta a question might well be put to the course of the negotiations, particularly as Lord Curzon has personally interested himself in the matter.

FEARFUL DEATH IN A CONVENT.

A TERRIBLE fatality occurred on November 11 at the Convent of the Good Shepherd on Beaconsfield parade, Albert-park, when a middle-aged married woman, named Mary Torpy, fell into a cistern of boiling water and received injuries from which she subsequently died. Mrs. Torpy resided with her husband in Rosamond-street, Balaclava, but of late she had been of eccentric habits, and on Friday last her relatives secured her admission to the convent. During Friday night and Saturday morning Mrs. Torpy manifested no symptoms that caused the authorities of the convent any alarm. She went about her work cheerfully and intelligently, and seemed to be thoroughly well-pleased with her new surroundings, and at the same time to be in perfect health. During the afternoon Mrs. Torpy was working in the wash house in company with other women, when she either fell or plunged into a cistern of boiling water, which was standing at her side. The unfortunate woman was instantly pulled out, but was found to be scalded in a fearful manner. Measures were taken to alleviate her agony, and, after being seen by a medical man in the locality, Mrs. Torpy was hurried off to the Alfred Hospital. There she was admitted in a state of collapse. No hope of her recovery was entertained from the first, and the unfortunate woman lingered until 3 o'clock when she expired.

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 5.

(Before the Honourable Mr. Justice RUSSELL.)

Testamentary Suits.

188-98—Crawford B and Co—Shapurjee Burjorjee and others vs Haji Sorabjee Haji Vydina—Ardeshir H and D.
17-99—Khunderao and S—Bapojee Morarjee and others vs Angoobai—Shamrao P.
6-98—Bhaishanker and K—Kesserbai Alias Sacurbai vs Dewjee Morarjee—Thakurdas D C and H.
18-99—Wadia and G—Ebrahim Laljee and others vs Mahomed Ebrahim—In person.
11-99—Pestonjee R and K—Hemraj Ramji vs Bai Dewkavalu—Thakurdas D and C.

Long Causes.

384-99—Little and Co—Sakerbai and another vs Vullubdas Jamnadas and others—Mansukhlal D and J.
614-98—Sorabjee and J—Fakroodin Khan Alias Fuckoo Miya bin Hajee Khan vs Mahomed Hossein bin Miya Hajee Abdool Cader Nowruggay and others—Payne G S and Co.
256-99—Manshukhlal D and J—Caitano Camillo Borges vs Augusto Mathias Pinto—Sorabjee and J.
215-99—Ardeshir H and D—Jamsetjee Nasserwanjee Tata vs The Ahmedabad Advance Spg and Wg Co Ld and another—Nanu and H, Bhaishunker and K.
443-98—Wadia and G—Purshotum Shewjee vs Khatao Dedhar and another—Bhaishanker and K.
459-99—Bhaishanker and K—Khatao Dedhar vs Purshotum Shewjee—Wadia and G.
76-98—Mansukhlal D and J—Bai Dahi Alias Navivahu vs Hurgowandas Jeewandas—Muljee and R and Little and Co.

(Before the Honourable Mr. Justice CROWE.)

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

616-95—Manshukhlal D and J—Purshotum Mangaldas Nathoobhai vs Vithaldas Ramdas and others—Edgelow G and W.
370-99—Bickneli M and M—Mohomed Hajee Abdulla and others vs Rahibai and other—Payne G S and Co
347-98—Payne G S and Co—Hon'onally Mulla Hakimjee and others vs Ibrahimjee Rahamanjee and others—Wadia and G
437-97—Cresigie L and O Vellubhas Moorlidhur vs Chondoolal Icharam—Motabhai and J
202-97—Manshukhlal D and J—Narotum Anundjee vs Sowliram More and another—K B Mehta.
162-97—Wadia and G—Motichand Tallakchand vs Maneckchand Kapurchand—Edgelow G and W.

Short Causes.

151-99—Wadia and G—Canjee Heerjee vs Khurshedji Sorabji and another—Ardesir H and D.
142-99—Matubai and J—Kevalchand Velchand and others vs Dharamchand Savchand and others—Manshukhlal D and J.
229-99—Thakurdas D C H—Ismalbhoy Peerbhoy vs Maneckbai.
418-99—Crawford B and Co—George Okall and others vs Shaik Ooderanally and others.
537-99—Madhawjee Virjee—Chunilal Poonamchand vs Sukhraj Dhunjee and others—In person.
581-99—Payne G O and Co—Oomedram Mayachand vs Mulla Allodin Vulud Sahadin Khan Sadagur.
583-99—In person—Balchand Ramchand and others vs Damji Devjee.
589-99—Jamsetjee C Cama—Bhimjee Dhanajee and others vs Javermal Hajarimal—Chitnis M and M.
619-98—Framji and D—Framji Dorabji vs Abdoolali Karanji.
640-99—In person—Vira Okha and others vs Khoja Mahomed Medi Tharia Topan.

For Investigation of Pauperism.

60-99—In person—Joseph Alexander vs Mary Alexander and another.

A RIOT, attended with murder, occurred on Wednesday morning at Raugafalla, near Culpi, between two rival zamindars, about a large plot of land which both claimed. The land was cultivated by the men of one zemindar only. On Wednesday, when his men were reaping, some men of the rival zemindar resisted, and a free fight ensued, in the course of which a *durwan* was killed, and several men seriously wounded.

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(*Gazette of India*, Dec. 2.)

ESTABLISHMENTS.

Mr S S Thorburn has been permitted to resign Her Majesty's Indian Civil Service.

MEDICAL.

The services of Lieut A K Blair, 36th Sikhs, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of Bombay for employment on plague duty.

The services of Capt C M Mathew, I M S (Madras), are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of Madras.

The services of Lieut E B Peacock, 31st Punjab Infantry, are replaced at the disposal of the Military Dept, with effect from the date on which he was relieved of his duties under the Govt of Bombay.

The services of Capt R W C Keays, 28th Madras Infy, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Govt of Bombay for employment on plague duty, with effect from the date on which he relinquished charge of his plague duties in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

The services of Lieut W H Bingham, 8th Bengal Infy, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Chief Commissioner of the Central Provinces for employment on plague duty.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Her Majesty has been pleased to appoint Cecil Ansdell Wilkins, Esq, of the Indian Civil Service (Bengal Estab) to be a Judge of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal vice Mr J O'Kinealy resigned.

The services of Mr J Pratt of the Indian Civil Service are replaced at the disposal of the Govt of Bengal.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The services of Mr A E O'Sullivan an Asst Supt of Police in Bengal, are placed at the disposal of the Chief Comm of Assam.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

The Govr Genl in Council is pleased to authorise the affiliation of the Church Missionary Society's College, Calcutta, to the Calcutta University in Arts up to the F A Standard.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

The services of Capt R W C Keays, 28th Madras Infy, are replaced at the disposal of the Home Dept with effect from the date on which he resigns the charge of his plague duties in the Civil and Military Station of Bangalore.

Lieut A B Minchin, C I E, I S C a Political Asst of the 3rd class, is appointed, on return from furlough, to officiate as a Political Asst of the 2nd class, and is posted as an Assistant to the Agent to the Govr Genl in Rajputana.

The services of Maulavi Ghafur Khan are replaced at the disposal of the Govt of the N W Provinces and Oudh.

The Governor-General in Council is pleased to appoint Lieut A B Minchin, C I E, I S C an Assistant to the Agent to the Governor-General in Rajputana, to be the Magistrate of Abu, vice Lieut F McComaghey.

The Governor-General in Council is pleased to recognise the appointment of Mr C Hummel, Commercial Agent for Brazil at Bombay, to hold charge of the Vice Consulate for Brazil at Bombay, during the absence of Mr G A F Berends.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr C H Holford, Asst Commr, Northern India Salt Revenue, is granted privilege leave for two months.

Mr J Durham, Supt, 1st grade is appointed to act as Asst Commr, Northern Indian Salt Revenue, during the absence on privilege leave of Mr Holford, or until further orders.

Mr J C E Branson is appointed to be Accountant General, Bengal.

Mr J S Milne is posted as Assistant Accountant General, Bombay.

Mr H J Tomkins is posted as Assistant Accountant General and Examiner of Local Fund Accounts, N-W Provinces and Oudh.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Col H A Abbott, C B, I S C to command the Malakand Brigade, vice Colonel J G Kelly, C B, A D C, appointed to officiate as Colonel on the Staff, Punjab Command.

STAFF CORPS.

With reference to paragraph 6 of the regulations published with clause 92, India Army Circulars, 1891, the undermentioned officers of the Unattached List are admitted to the Indian Staff Corps, with effect from the dates specified, subject to confirmation by the Secy of State for India:—

Second-Lieutenants—W J Evans, H L C Baldwin, H R Watson, H C McWatters, B H Finnis, L S H Smithers, G T Van der Gucht, E R Hayes-Sadler, T Timbrell, G W C Lucas, A S G Roberts, O W White, J H V Barr, E M Nixon, H C S Ward, H D McLaughlin, F S G Talbot, O W B Bannerman, C W A Holmes, A H McCleverty, K C Kensington, E C Elles, N G B Goodfellow, G Craster, G L Fepys, A D Molony, G E H Wilson, M E S Johnson, H M D Shaw, H N F MacDonnell, W E Wilson-Johnston, C Kirkpatrick, J G McConaghy, A B Eckford, G E M Hogg, C H Mowbray, E F D Money, J L Costello, J G Cadell, and R L Birdwood.

The undermentioned officer is admitted to the Indian Staff Corps, with effect from the date specified, subject to confirmation by the Secy of State for India:—Lieut F L S Clarke, The Cameronians Scottish Rifles, Officiating Wing Officer, 31st (Punjab) Regt of Bengal Infy.

COMMANDS DISTRICT.

Col J S Collins, 1st Battn Royal West Surrey Regt to officiate in Command of a second class district in the Madras command with the temporary rank of Brigadier Genl while so employed, vice Brigadier Genl Sir R C Hart, K C B, V C, appointed to officiate in command of a first class district in the Bombay Command.

HONORARY DISTINCTIONS.

H M the Queen Empress of India has been graciously pleased to approve of the 1st Bengal Lancers being designated in future "The 1st (The Duke of York's Own) Regt of Bengal Lancers."

INDIAN STAFF CORPS.

ECHOES OF SCIENCE.

ENSIGN Everett Hayden, U.S. Navy, has given, in the Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, No. 68, an interesting and valuable study of the effect of barometric pressure on the rates of clocks and chronometers. The author believes that the use of a barometric curve for correction of chronometer rates should be tried at sea; and an American warship is to try it.

Some time ago an American electrician, Mr. E. A. Hummel, transmitted pictures by wire for 1,500 miles, and according to the "Western Electrician" another American, Mr. W. P. Dunlany, has brought out another system. They are both based on the principle of drawing a contact across every part of the picture and sending an electric current every time it crosses a line. At the receiving end a synchronous pencil actuated by the current reproduces the picture.

An important step for agriculturists has been taken by the U. S. Agricultural Department. They have established seed-testing houses for germination trials, so that farmers and seedsmen will be able to protect themselves against dishonest or careless dealers who sell bad seeds. A common trick of the trade is to mix good with bad seeds and sell at the price of good. The "honest Teuton," it seems, is addicted to this practice. According to the U. S. Government Botanist, Mr. F. Vi Coiville, a lot of meadow foxtail seed from Germany had only about 27 1-2 per cent. of good seed, and was adulterated with bad worth a third of the price.

The colour of the walls affects the lighting properties of a room, and according to Herr Nussbaum, of Hanover, the plaster influences its acoustic qualities. The best plaster in respect of hearing is made with pure white gypsum which has been heated to a white heat. This observation should be noted by architects.

Marconi's wireless telegraph was tried by the U. S. military autorities by means of two motor cars, each carrying a set of instruments and sending up a balloon to carry the exposed conductor or electrode; in this case a vertical wire. The naval experiments were made with the "Massachusetts" and "New York" a wire from the apparatus on board running to the masthead.

We cannot see how the military authorities can escape the blame of not providing the beleaguered garrisons in Natal and elsewhere with the wireless telegraph, which was just as well-known to them and is certainly more manageable than carrier pigeons. They have sent out apparatus with the main army, but why did they not do so before? It is obvious that Symons or Yule might have been in constant communication with White during the attacks on Dundee had they used this telegraph, which can be made secret by code. Again, if the officers commanding the captured Irish Fusiliers and Gloucesters had used it, White could have been informed of their predicament and might have saved them.

The Department of Agriculture at the Cape has obtained good results by inoculating locusts with a parasitic fungus which kills them. The fungus is supplied by the bacteriological institution of Graham's down, and sold at 6d. a tube.

"Armoured glass" is the name given to glass plates cast with wire meshes inside. Tests of the Vienna Technological Museum show that it only cracks under pressure which break plate-glass. It bears a pressure of 3,601lbs, on the square inch, and might be useful for the glasses of water-gauge tubes and safety lamps.

Professor Bergmann, the great surgeon of Berlin, says that while Rontgen rays are of great service in localising bullets and revealing broken bones, they are not successful in showing gall or bladder stones, and their "healing power" is imaginary.

According to the "Kew Bulletin" the Mangabeira (or "cow-tree") rubber is likely to become an important source of rubber in future. The Mangabeira rubber of Bahia and Pernambuco is almost as good as the best Para rubber, and fetches nearly as high a price. It is a hardy tree in respect of soil, climate, and tapping the milky juice, and appears suitable for the red earths of Usambara, Togoland, and the German Colonies in Africa.

The Dubois system for protecting the base of telegraph poles consists, according to the "Moniteur Industriel," of an earthenware pipe sheathing the part in the ground. A mixture of sand and resin is poured into the space between the pole and pipe.

Professor Willis G. Johnson, of the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station, proposes the use of hydrocyanic acid gas as lethal agent to be used for capital punishment in place of hanging or electrocution. It is not a novel idea, but he describes his own experience of the poison. He felt a pleasant drowsiness, relaxed muscles, and a feeling of indifference as to what happened. There was no pain, and his sensation was rather soothing than disagreeable. On the other hand, Mr. E. Murray-Aaron, who came nearer death through inhaling the hydrocyanic fumes of an insecticide jar, and was restored to life with difficulty, states that he felt "intense intercostal agony, unthinkable mental distress, and a horrible consciousness of all that was going on, without the power to give any sign of life."

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The Austrian archæologists have unearthed many antiquities at Ephesus, including a great theatre, a street pavement, with marks of chariot wheels, a series of buildings behind and beneath the gymnasium and a semi-circular marble portico with steps at which St. Paul probably landed.

Compressed air cars are giving satisfaction in New York. The only noise they make is the slight sound of the exhaust.

The opening of the Soulanges Canal completes the scheme for providing a 14-feet in place of a 9-feet waterway from the Great Lakes to Montreal, so that wheat and other products of the North-West will now reach the Atlantic at a price which ought to divert much of the traffic by way of the Erie Canal and new York into the St. Lawrence.

Some ten years ago, American land-locked salmon were acclimatised in Scotland, and have multiplied rapidly. The same is to be said of the American black bass introduced into French rivers. American rock bass have done well in English streams, and American brook trout in most of the northern countries of Europe. Even the American muskalonge has made itself at home in the Rhine and the Danube.

In a paper read before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Messrs. Wiley and Krug showed that Indian corn is the great American product. From it is made not only human and acimal food, but cellulose pith for backing armour-plate and filling to shot holes, molasses, paper, nitroglycerine, and nitrocellulose, used in making smokeless powder and collodion.

The station for botanical research at Paradeniya, Ceylon, is to be augmented by a new laboratory which will provide ample room for the students, including foreigners who go there to study tropical vegetation.

Amateur photographers will be allowed to take photographs in the Paris Exhibition on paying a nominal fee, and giving their address, &c. Only the buildings and general groups (not individual exhibits) can be taken.

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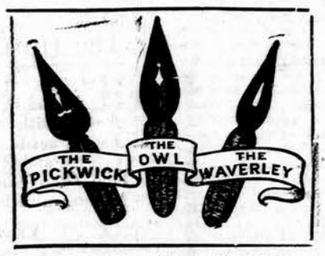

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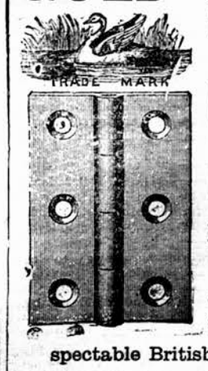

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